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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - Fire and Rescue Vehicles - Use of Lights or Signal Devices**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring drivers of emergency vehicles of fire departments and
4 rescue squads to activate certain red and white lights or signal devices while
5 stopped, standing, or parked at the scene of an emergency; and generally
6 relating to the use of lights on fire and rescue emergency vehicles.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
8 Article - Transportation
9 Section 22-218(c)(3)(i)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13 Article - Transportation
14 Section 22-218(c)(8)
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
18 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

19 **Article - Transportation**

20 22-218.

21 (c) (3) (i) Vehicles of city, county, State, or federal fire departments or
22 duly constituted volunteer fire departments or rescue squads, or the Maryland

1 Institute for Emergency Medical Services System, may be equipped with or display
2 red and/or white lights or signal devices.

3 (8) (i) Except as provided in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, the
4 blue, red, or white lights or signal devices may be flashed or oscillated or otherwise
5 used only while on route to or at the scene of an emergency, and their use does not
6 relieve an emergency vehicle from otherwise giving an audible warning as required
7 elsewhere in the Maryland Vehicle Law.

8 (ii) The driver of an emergency vehicle may use flashing lights
9 within 100 feet of the entrance ramp of a fire or rescue station while parking or
10 backing the emergency vehicle.

11 (III) THE DRIVER OF AN EMERGENCY VEHICLE OF A FIRE
12 DEPARTMENT OR RESCUE SQUAD SHALL FLASH OR OSCILLATE OR OTHERWISE USE
13 RED AND WHITE LIGHTS OR SIGNAL DEVICES WHILE STOPPED, STANDING, OR
14 PARKED AT THE SCENE OF AN EMERGENCY.

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
16 October 1, 2002.