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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

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 on the roadway at the scene of an emergency, at  
6 the discretion of the officer in charge; and generally relating to the use of lights  
7 on fire and rescue emergency vehicles.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
9 Article - Transportation  
10 Section 22-218(c)(3)(i)  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
14 Article - Transportation  
15 Section 22-218(c)(8)  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

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

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**Article - Transportation**

2 22-218.

3 (c) (3) (i) Vehicles of city, county, State, or federal fire departments or  
4 duly constituted volunteer fire departments or rescue squads, or the Maryland  
5 Institute for Emergency Medical Services System, may be equipped with or display  
6 red and/or white lights or signal devices.

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

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

15 (III) THE DRIVER OF AN EMERGENCY VEHICLE OF A FIRE  
16 DEPARTMENT OR RESCUE SQUAD SHALL, AT THE DISCRETION OF THE OFFICER IN  
17 CHARGE, FLASH OR OSCILLATE OR OTHERWISE USE RED AND WHITE LIGHTS OR  
18 SIGNAL DEVICES WHILE STOPPED, STANDING, OR PARKED ON THE ROADWAY AT THE  
19 SCENE OF AN EMERGENCY.

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