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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - Traffic Control Signal Monitoring Systems - Yellow Signals**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring certain law enforcement agencies to ensure that a
4 steady yellow traffic control signal is displayed for at least a certain amount of
5 time immediately before a steady red signal is displayed at each location where
6 a traffic control signal is used in conjunction with a traffic control signal
7 monitoring system.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
9 Article - Transportation
10 Section 21-202.1(a), (b), and (c)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

13 BY adding to
14 Article - Transportation
15 Section 21-202.1(a-1)
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:

20 **Article - Transportation**

21 21-202.1.

22 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

23 (2) "Agency" means:

24 (i) For a traffic control signal operated and maintained at an
25 intersection under the control of the State, the law enforcement agency primarily
26 responsible for traffic control at that intersection; or

1 (ii) For a traffic control signal operated and maintained at an
2 intersection under the control of a political subdivision, a law enforcement agency of
3 the political subdivision that is authorized to issue citations for a violation of the
4 Maryland Vehicle Law or of local traffic laws or regulations.

5 (3) (i) "Owner" means the registered owner of a motor vehicle or a
6 lessee of a motor vehicle under a lease of 6 months or more.

7 (ii) "Owner" does not include a motor vehicle rental or leasing
8 company or a holder of a special registration plate issued under Part III of Title 13,
9 Subtitle 9 of this article.

10 (4) "Recorded images" means images recorded by a traffic control signal
11 monitoring system:

12 (i) On:

- 13 1. Two or more photographs;
- 14 2. Two or more microphotographs;
- 15 3. Two or more electronic images;
- 16 4. Videotape; or
- 17 5. Any other medium; and

18 (ii) Showing the rear of a motor vehicle and, on at least one image
19 or portion of tape, clearly identifying the registration plate number of the motor
20 vehicle.

21 (5) "Traffic control signal monitoring system" means a device with one or
22 more motor vehicle sensors working in conjunction with a traffic control signal to
23 produce recorded images of motor vehicles entering an intersection against a red
24 signal indication.

25 (A-1) THE AGENCY WITH JURISDICTION AT THE LOCATION SHALL ENSURE
26 THAT A STEADY YELLOW SIGNAL IS DISPLAYED AT LEAST 4 SECONDS IMMEDIATELY
27 BEFORE A STEADY RED SIGNAL IS DISPLAYED AT EACH LOCATION WHERE A TRAFFIC
28 CONTROL SIGNAL IS USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH A TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL
29 MONITORING SYSTEM.

30 (b) This section applies to a violation of § 21-202(h) of this subtitle at an
31 intersection monitored by a traffic control signal monitoring system.

32 (c) (1) Unless the driver of the motor vehicle received a citation from a
33 police officer at the time of the violation, the owner or, in accordance with subsection
34 (f)(5) of this section, the driver of a motor vehicle is subject to a civil penalty if the
35 motor vehicle is recorded by a traffic control signal monitoring system while being
36 operated in violation of § 21-202(h) of this subtitle.

1 (2) A civil penalty under this subsection may not exceed \$100.

2 (3) For purposes of this section, the District Court shall prescribe:

3 (i) A uniform citation form consistent with subsection (d)(1) of this
4 section and § 7-302 of the Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article; and

5 (ii) A civil penalty, which shall be indicated on the citation, to be
6 paid by persons who choose to prepay the civil penalty without appearing in District
7 Court.

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