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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - Traffic Control Signal Altering Devices - Prohibition**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person without lawful authority from possessing
4 certain devices that are capable of transmitting certain signals to a traffic
5 control signal for the purpose of altering or interfering with the operation of the
6 traffic control signal; and generally relating to prohibiting the possession of
7 devices that alter or interfere with traffic control signals.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article - Transportation
10 Section 21-206
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2002 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

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

15 **Article - Transportation**

16 21-206.

17 (a) A person without lawful authority may not willfully alter any traffic
18 control device or any railroad sign or signal, including any inscription, shield, or
19 insignia on it.

20 (b) A person without lawful authority may not willfully deface any traffic
21 control device or any railroad sign or signal, including any inscription, shield, or
22 insignia on it.

23 (c) A person without lawful authority may not willfully injure any traffic
24 control device or any railroad sign or signal, including any inscription, shield, or
25 insignia on it.

26 (d) A person without lawful authority may not willfully knock down any traffic
27 control device or any railroad sign or signal, including any inscription, shield, or
28 insignia on it.

1 (e) A person without lawful authority may not willfully change the direction of
2 any traffic control device or any railroad sign or signal, including any inscription,
3 shield, or insignia on it.

4 (f) A person without lawful authority may not willfully twist any traffic
5 control device or any railroad sign or signal, including any inscription, shield, or
6 insignia on it.

7 (g) A person without lawful authority may not willfully remove any part of any
8 traffic control device or any railroad sign or signal, including any inscription, shield,
9 or insignia on it.

10 (H) A PERSON WITHOUT LAWFUL AUTHORITY MAY NOT POSSESS ANY DEVICE
11 CAPABLE OF TRANSMITTING AN INFRARED, ELECTRONIC, OR OTHER SIGNAL TO A
12 TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL FOR THE PURPOSE OF ALTERING OR OTHERWISE
13 INTERFERING WITH THE OPERATION OF THE TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL.

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
15 October 1, 2004.