

HOUSE BILL 230

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By: **Chair, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request - Departmental - Transportation)**

Introduced and read first time: January 23, 2008

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - School Crossing Guards - Authority to Direct Traffic**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a school crossing guard who meets certain
4 qualifications to stop or otherwise direct vehicles and pedestrians on a highway
5 or on school grounds under certain circumstances; requiring drivers to obey the
6 directions of a school crossing guard exercising authority under this Act;
7 providing for the construction of this Act; and generally relating to the authority
8 of school crossing guards.

9 BY adding to

10 Article - Transportation
11 Section 21-107
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

15 Article - Transportation
16 Section 27-101(b)
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

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

21 **Article - Transportation**

22 **21-107.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (A) A SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD WHO MEETS THE QUALIFICATIONS IN
2 SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION MAY STOP OR OTHERWISE DIRECT VEHICLES
3 AND PEDESTRIANS ON A HIGHWAY OR ON SCHOOL GROUNDS TO ASSIST:

4 (1) PEDESTRIANS IN THE SAFE CROSSING OF HIGHWAYS AT A
5 SCHOOL CROSSING; AND

6 (2) SCHOOL VEHICLES IN ENTERING AND LEAVING SCHOOL
7 GROUNDS.

8 (B) A SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD IS QUALIFIED TO DIRECT TRAFFIC AS
9 DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION IF THE SCHOOL CROSSING
10 GUARD:

11 (1) IS 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER;

12 (2) IS UNDER THE CONTROL OF A LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT
13 AGENCY;

14 (3) HAS COMPLETED TRAINING TO PERFORM ANY TRAFFIC
15 DIRECTION DUTIES TO WHICH THE GUARD IS ASSIGNED AS PRESCRIBED BY THE
16 LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY THAT HAS CONTROL OVER THE SCHOOL CROSSING
17 GUARD; AND

18 (4) IS WEARING AN APPROPRIATE UNIFORM AS SPECIFIED BY THE
19 LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY THAT HAS CONTROL OVER THE SCHOOL CROSSING
20 GUARD.

21 (C) A PERSON MAY NOT WILLFULLY DISOBEY A LAWFUL DIRECTION OF
22 A SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD EXERCISING THE AUTHORITY GRANTED IN THIS
23 SECTION.

24 (D) NOTHING IN THIS SECTION PROHIBITS A SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD
25 WHO DOES NOT MEET THE QUALIFICATIONS SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF
26 THIS SECTION FROM ASSISTING A PEDESTRIAN TO CROSS A HIGHWAY,
27 PROVIDING THE SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD DOES NOT ATTEMPT TO DO SO BY
28 DIRECTING TRAFFIC.

29 27-101.

30 (b) Except as otherwise provided in this section, any person convicted of a
31 misdemeanor for the violation of any of the provisions of the Maryland Vehicle Law is
32 subject to a fine of not more than \$500.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 October 1, 2008.