

# HOUSE BILL 67

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By: **Delegates Feldman and Bronrott**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

### 2 **Vehicle Laws – Rules of the Road – Use of Signals When Changing Lanes**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from moving a vehicle right or left on a  
4 roadway in order to change lanes unless the person gives an appropriate signal  
5 in a certain manner; making certain stylistic changes; and generally relating to  
6 the use of vehicle signals when changing lanes.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article – Transportation  
9 Section 21–604  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
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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 21–604.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike-out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



(a) A person may not turn a vehicle at an intersection, unless the vehicle is in the position required by § 21–601 of this subtitle.

(b) A person may not turn a vehicle to enter a private road or driveway or otherwise turn a vehicle from a direct course or move it right or left on a roadway or from a shoulder or bikeway onto a roadway, unless the movement can be made with reasonable safety.

(c) A person may not, if any other vehicle might be affected by the movement, turn a vehicle [until he] **OR MOVE IT RIGHT OR LEFT ON A ROADWAY IN ORDER TO CHANGE LANES UNLESS THE PERSON** gives an appropriate signal in the manner required by this subtitle.

(d) When required, a signal of intention to turn right or left **OR TO CHANGE LANES** shall be given continuously during at least the last 100 feet traveled by the vehicle before turning **OR CHANGING LANES**; except that a bicyclist may interrupt the turning signal to maintain control of the bicycle.

(e) If there is an opportunity to signal, a person may not stop or suddenly decrease the speed of a vehicle [until he] **UNLESS THE PERSON** gives an appropriate signal in the manner required by this subtitle to the driver of any other vehicle immediately to the rear.

(f) The signals provided for in § 21–605(b) and (c) of this subtitle:

(1) May be used to indicate an intention to turn, change lanes, or start from a stopped, standing, or parked position; and

(2) May not be flashed as a courtesy or “do pass” signal to the driver of any other vehicle approaching from the rear.

21–605.

(a) Except as provided in subsections (b) and (c) of this section, each required stop or turn signal shall be given:

(1) By hand and arm in conformity with § 21–606 of this subtitle; or

(2) By signal lamps.

(b) Each motor vehicle in use on a highway shall be equipped with and the required signal given by signal lamps, if the distance from the center of the top of the steering post to the left outside limit of the body, cab, or load of the vehicle is more than 24 inches.

(c) Each motor vehicle in use on a highway shall be equipped with and the required signal given by signal lamps if, for any vehicle or combination of vehicles, the

1 distance from the center of the top of the steering post to the rear limit of the body or  
2 load is more than 14 feet.

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
4 October 1, 2009.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.