

HOUSE BILL 1426

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Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – Turning Signals – Rotary Traffic Islands**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing that the prohibition under certain circumstances
4 against a person making certain vehicle turns until the person has given a
5 turning signal does not apply to a vehicle entering or exiting a roadway circling
6 a rotary traffic island; making stylistic changes; and generally relating to the
7 use of turning signals for vehicle turns.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article – Transportation
10 Section 21–604
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2008 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 21–604.

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

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

23 (c) (1) [A] **SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A**
24 person may not, if any other vehicle might be affected by the movement, turn a vehicle

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 until [he] **THE PERSON** gives an appropriate signal in the manner required by this
2 subtitle.

3 **(2) THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A PERSON WHO IS**
4 **OPERATING A VEHICLE THAT IS ENTERING OR EXITING A ROADWAY CIRCLING A**
5 **ROTARY TRAFFIC ISLAND.**

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

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

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

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

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

19 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect**
20 **October 1, 2009.**