

# SENATE BILL 206

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Malfunctioning Traffic Light Act**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring a driver who is approaching a traffic control signal with  
4 no visible lighted indication to reduce speed and prepare to yield to other  
5 vehicles in or approaching the intersection under certain circumstances; and  
6 generally relating to malfunctioning traffic control signals.

7 BY adding to

8 Article – Transportation

9 Section 21–202(m)

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

13 Article – Transportation

14 Section 21–202(m)

15 Annotated Code of Maryland

16 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)

17 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

18 Article – Transportation

19 Section 21–209

20 Annotated Code of Maryland

21 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)

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

24 **Article – Transportation**

25 21–202.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           **(M) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN § 21-209 OF THIS SUBTITLE, IF NO**  
2 **LIGHTED INDICATION IS VISIBLE TO A DRIVER APPROACHING A TRAFFIC**  
3 **CONTROL SIGNAL, THE DRIVER SHALL REDUCE SPEED AND PREPARE TO YIELD**  
4 **TO OTHER VEHICLES IN OR APPROACHING THE INTERSECTION.**

5           [(m)] (N)    Except for those provisions of this section that by their very nature  
6 cannot apply, this section applies to a traffic control signal placed at a location other  
7 than an intersection. Each stop required by the signal shall be made at a sign or  
8 marking on the pavement indicating where the stop shall be made or, if there is no  
9 sign or marking, at the signal.

10   21-209.

11           Vehicular traffic approaching a highway from an exit ramp from an expressway,  
12 as defined in § 21-101(k) of this title, and facing a nonfunctioning traffic control signal  
13 at the intersection of the exit ramp and the highway shall:

14           (1)    Stop:

15                   (i)    At a clearly marked stop line;

16                   (ii)   If there is no clearly marked stop line, before entering any  
17 crosswalk; or

18                   (iii)   If there is no crosswalk, before entering the highway; and

19           (2)    Remain stopped until it is safe to continue onto the highway.

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