

SENATE BILL 250

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By: **Senator Astle**

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – Traffic Control Signals – Motorcycles Not Detected by Vehicle**
3 **Sensors**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the driver of a motorcycle at an intersection where
5 traffic is controlled by a traffic control signal to proceed through a red signal
6 under certain circumstances if a visible vehicle sensor operating the traffic
7 control signal does not detect the presence of the motorcycle; and generally
8 relating to traffic control signals.

9 BY adding to
10 Article – Transportation
11 Section 21–210
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Transportation**

17 **21–210.**

18 **NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER LAW, THE DRIVER OF A MOTORCYCLE AT**
19 **AN INTERSECTION WHERE TRAFFIC IS CONTROLLED BY A TRAFFIC CONTROL**
20 **SIGNAL MAY PROCEED THROUGH A RED SIGNAL IF:**

21 **(1) THE TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL IS OPERATED BY A VISIBLE**
22 **VEHICLE SENSOR THAT CONTROLS THE CHANGING OF THE SIGNAL WHEN A**
23 **VEHICLE IS DETECTED;**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(2) THE VEHICLE SENSOR DOES NOT DETECT THE PRESENCE OF**
2 **THE MOTORCYCLE AND CHANGE THE RED SIGNAL FACING THE MOTORCYCLE TO**
3 **A GREEN SIGNAL; AND**

4 **(3) THE DRIVER OF THE MOTORCYCLE:**

5 **(I) COMES TO A STOP FOR 120 SECONDS OR ONE**
6 **COMPLETE CYCLE OF THE TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS CONTROLLING CROSS**
7 **TRAFFIC AT THE INTERSECTION; AND**

8 **(II) REMAINS STOPPED UNTIL IT IS SAFE TO PROCEED**
9 **THROUGH THE INTERSECTION.**

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