SENATE BILL 502

	Introduced and read first time: February 3, 2010 Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings									
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	(2009 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)									
12	BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,									
13	Article – Transportation									
14	Section 21–202(m)									
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16	(2009 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)									
17	BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,									
18	Article – Transportation									
19	Section 21–209									
20	Annotated Code of Maryland									

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- (2009 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement) 21

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

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Article – Transportation

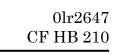
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By: Senator Gladden

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 AND UNLESS 2 OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY A POLICE OFFICER, IF NO LIGHTED INDICATION IS 3 VISIBLE TO A DRIVER APPROACHING A TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL, THE DRIVER 4 SHALL REDUCE SPEED AND PREPARE TO YIELD TO OTHER VEHICLES IN OR 5 APPROACHING THE INTERSECTION.

6 [(m)] (N) Except for those provisions of this section that by their very nature 7 cannot apply, this section applies to a traffic control signal placed at a location other 8 than an intersection. Each stop required by the signal shall be made at a sign or 9 marking on the pavement indicating where the stop shall be made or, if there is no 10 sign or marking, at the signal.

11 21-209.

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

15(1)Stop: 16 (i) At a clearly marked stop line; 17(ii) If there is no clearly marked stop line, before entering any crosswalk; or 18 19 (iii) If there is no crosswalk, before entering the highway; and 20(2)Remain stopped until it is safe to continue onto the highway. 21SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 22October 1, 2010.