

# SENATE BILL 177

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By: **Senators Robey, Jacobs, and Klausmeier**

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

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – Nonfunctioning Traffic Control Signals – Requirement to**  
3 **Stop**

4 FOR the purpose of altering a certain provision of law requiring vehicular traffic to  
5 stop and take certain actions when approaching a nonfunctioning traffic control  
6 signal at certain intersections to apply the requirement to all intersections;  
7 requiring vehicular traffic approaching a nonfunctioning traffic control signal at  
8 an intersection to stop in a certain manner, yield to certain other vehicles or  
9 pedestrians, and remain stopped until it is safe to enter and continue through  
10 the intersection; clarifying certain language; and generally relating to  
11 nonfunctioning traffic control signals at intersections.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
13 Article – Transportation  
14 Section 21–101(a) and (l)  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

17 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
18 Article – Transportation  
19 Section 21–209  
20 Annotated Code of Maryland  
21 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

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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.



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

3 **Article – Transportation**

4 21–101.

5 (a) In this title and Title 25 of this article the following words have the  
6 meanings indicated.

7 (l) (1) “Intersection” means:

8 (i) The area within the prolongation or connection of the lateral  
9 curb lines or, in the absence of curbs, the lateral boundary lines of the roadways of two  
10 highways that join at or approximately at right angles; or

11 (ii) The area within which vehicles traveling on different  
12 highways joining at any other angle may come in conflict.

13 (2) If a divided highway includes two roadways that are 30 feet or  
14 more apart, every crossing of each roadway of the divided highway by an intersecting  
15 highway is a separate intersection. If the intersecting highway also includes two  
16 roadways that are 30 feet or more apart, every crossing of two roadways of these  
17 highways is a separate intersection.

18 21–209.

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

22 (1) Stop:

23 (i) At a clearly marked stop line;

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

26 (iii) If there is no **CLEARLY MARKED STOP LINE OR** crosswalk,  
27 before entering the [highway] **INTERSECTION**; [and]

28 (2) **YIELD TO ANY VEHICLE OR PEDESTRIAN IN THE**  
29 **INTERSECTION; AND**

30 (3) Remain stopped until it is safe to **ENTER AND** continue [onto the  
31 highway] **THROUGH THE INTERSECTION**.

1           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
2    October 1, 2012.

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.