

# HOUSE BILL 959

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By: **Delegate Parrott**

Introduced and read first time: February 5, 2018

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – Pedestrian Hybrid Beacons**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the use of a pedestrian hybrid beacon at certain locations;  
4 authorizing the State Highway Administration or a local jurisdiction to install a  
5 modified pedestrian hybrid beacon in accordance with certain standards under  
6 certain circumstances; requiring the Administration to update certain standards to  
7 incorporate certain information on or before a certain date; defining certain terms;  
8 and generally relating to pedestrian hybrid beacons.

9 BY adding to

10 Article – Transportation

11 Section 21–204.2

12 Annotated Code of Maryland

13 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

15 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 **Article – Transportation**

17 **21–204.2.**

18 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS  
19 INDICATED.

20 (2) “ADMINISTRATION” MEANS THE STATE HIGHWAY  
21 ADMINISTRATION.

22 (3) “PEDESTRIAN HYBRID BEACON” MEANS A TRAFFIC CONTROL  
23 SIGNAL PLACED AT A CROSSWALK THAT:

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1                   **(I) USES A COMBINATION OF STEADY AND FLASHING LIGHTS**  
2 **TO ALERT AND STOP TRAFFIC APPROACHING THE CROSSWALK TO ALLOW**  
3 **PEDESTRIANS TO CROSS A MAIN ROADWAY; AND**

4                   **(II) IS PEDESTRIAN-ACTIVATED.**

5           **(B) A PEDESTRIAN HYBRID BEACON MAY BE USED AT AN INTERSECTION OR**  
6 **A MIDBLOCK PEDESTRIAN CROSSING.**

7           **(C) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2018, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL**  
8 **UPDATE THE MARYLAND MANUAL ON UNIFORM TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES TO**  
9 **INCORPORATE DETAILS REGARDING THE PROPER OPERATION OF A PEDESTRIAN**  
10 **HYBRID BEACON IN THE STATE.**

11           **(D) (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION,**  
12 **THE ADMINISTRATION OR A LOCAL JURISDICTION MAY INSTALL A PEDESTRIAN**  
13 **HYBRID BEACON IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MARYLAND MANUAL ON UNIFORM**  
14 **TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES.**

15                   **(2) IF THE MARYLAND MANUAL ON UNIFORM TRAFFIC CONTROL**  
16 **DEVICES HAS NOT BEEN UPDATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS**  
17 **SECTION, THE ADMINISTRATION OR A LOCAL JURISDICTION MAY INSTALL A**  
18 **PEDESTRIAN HYBRID BEACON ONLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FEDERAL MANUAL**  
19 **ON UNIFORM TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES.**

20           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
21 October 1, 2018.