

# HOUSE BILL 1714

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By: **Delegate Mosby (By Request – Baltimore City Police Department)**

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

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – Police Vehicles – Use of Cruise or Directional Marker Lights**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing that certain police vehicles may be equipped with and  
4 display cruise or directional marker lights; authorizing the driver of a police vehicle  
5 to use cruise or directional marker lights at any time; making a stylistic change; and  
6 generally relating to the use of cruise or directional marker lights on police vehicles.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

8 Article – Transportation

9 Section 22–218(c)(2) and (9)

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Transportation**

15 22–218.

16 (c) (2) Vehicles of the police department and other city, county, State, or  
17 federal law enforcement agencies may be equipped with and display [red]:

18 **(I) RED, white, or blue lights or signal devices; AND**

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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                                   **(II) CRUISE OR DIRECTIONAL MARKER LIGHTS.**

2                   (9)   (i)    Except as provided in subparagraphs (ii) [and (iii)], **(III), AND**  
 3 **(IV)** of this paragraph, the [blue, red, or white] **RED, WHITE, OR BLUE** lights or signal  
 4 devices may be flashed or oscillated ~~or otherwise used~~ only while on route to or at the scene  
 5 of an emergency, and their use does not relieve an emergency vehicle from otherwise giving  
 6 an audible warning as required elsewhere in the Maryland Vehicle Law.

7                                   (ii)   The driver of an emergency vehicle may use flashing lights  
 8 within 100 feet of the entrance ramp of a fire or rescue station while parking or backing the  
 9 emergency vehicle.

10                                   (iii)   The driver of an emergency vehicle of a fire department or rescue  
 11 squad shall, at the discretion of the officer in charge, flash or oscillate or otherwise use red  
 12 and white lights or signal devices while stopped, standing, or parked on the roadway at the  
 13 scene of an emergency.

14                                   **(IV) THE DRIVER OF A POLICE VEHICLE MAY USE CRUISE OR**  
 15 **DIRECTIONAL MARKER LIGHTS AT ANY TIME.**

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

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.