Chapter 290

(House Bill 204)

AN ACT concerning

Traffic Control Signal Monitoring Systems – Duration of Yellow Signal <u>Compliance</u> (4-Second Act)

FOR the purpose of requiring a traffic control signal to display a yellow light for a certain minimum length of time before changing to a red signal indication at an intersection monitored by a traffic control signal monitoring system prohibiting certain law enforcement agencies from issuing a citation for a violation recorded by a traffic control signal monitoring system at a traffic control signal that does not comply with certain yellow light timing requirements; and generally relating to traffic control signal monitoring systems.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Transportation

Section 21–202.1(b)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2012 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

Article – Transportation

21-202.1.

- (b) (1) The agency primarily responsible for traffic control at an intersection monitored by a traffic control signal monitoring system shall ensure that the length of time that a traffic control signal displays a yellow light before changing to a red signal indication is AT LEAST 4 SECONDS AND IS OTHERWISE set in accordance with regulations adopted by the State Highway Administration consistent with standards or guidelines established by the Federal Highway Administration.
- (2) AN AGENCY MAY NOT ISSUE A CITATION FOR A VIOLATION RECORDED BY A TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL MONITORING SYSTEM AT A TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL THAT DOES NOT COMPLY WITH THE TIMING REQUIREMENTS OF PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

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

Approved by the Governor, April 24, 2018.