

SENATE BILL 177

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By: **Senator Waldstreicher**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Motor Vehicle Administration – Authority to Suspend Registration for**
3 **Violations Recorded by Traffic Control Signal Monitoring Systems – Repeal**

4 FOR the purpose of repealing the Motor Vehicle Administration’s authority to suspend the
5 registration of a motor vehicle if the owner or driver of the motor vehicle fails to pay
6 the penalty assessed for a certain violation recorded by a traffic control signal
7 monitoring system; and generally relating to the Motor Vehicle Administration and
8 traffic control signal monitoring systems.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
10 Article – Transportation
11 Section 21–202(h) and 21–202.1(a)(1) and (5), (c), and (d)(1) and (2)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
15 Article – Transportation
16 Section 21–202.1(h)
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

Article – Transportation

22 21–202.

23 (h) (1) Vehicular traffic facing a steady circular red signal alone:

24 (i) Shall stop at the near side of the intersection:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1 1. At a clearly marked stop line;
- 2 2. If there is no clearly marked stop line, before entering any
- 3 crosswalk; or
- 4 3. If there is no crosswalk, before entering the intersection;
- 5 and

6 (ii) Except as provided in subsections (i), (j), and (k) of this section,

7 shall remain stopped until a signal to proceed is shown.

8 (2) Vehicular traffic facing a steady red arrow signal:

9 (i) May not enter the intersection to make the movement indicated

10 by the arrow;

11 (ii) Unless entering the intersection to make a movement permitted

12 by another signal, shall stop at the near side of the intersection:

- 13 1. At a clearly marked stop line;
- 14 2. If there is no clearly marked stop line, before entering any
- 15 crosswalk; or
- 16 3. If there is no crosswalk, before entering the intersection;
- 17 and

18 (iii) Except as provided in subsections (i), (j), and (k) of this section,

19 shall remain stopped until a signal permitting the movement is shown.

20 21–202.1.

21 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

22 (5) “Traffic control signal monitoring system” means a device with one or

23 more motor vehicle sensors working in conjunction with a traffic control signal to produce

24 recorded images of motor vehicles entering an intersection against a red signal indication.

25 (c) This section applies to a violation of § 21–202(h) of this subtitle at an

26 intersection monitored by a traffic control signal monitoring system.

27 (d) (1) Unless the driver of the motor vehicle received a citation from a police

28 officer at the time of the violation, the owner or, in accordance with subsection (g)(5) of this

29 section, the driver of a motor vehicle is subject to a civil penalty if the motor vehicle is

30 recorded by a traffic control signal monitoring system while being operated in violation of

31 § 21–202(h) of this subtitle.

1 (2) A civil penalty under this subsection may not exceed \$100.

2 (h) If the civil penalty is not paid and the violation is not contested, the
3 Administration may refuse to register or reregister [or may suspend the registration of]
4 the motor vehicle.

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
6 October 1, 2020.