CHAPTER ______

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Motor Vehicles – Operation When Approaching Disabled Stopped, Standing, or Parked Vehicles

3 FOR the purpose of requiring a driver to make a certain lane change or to slow the speed of the driver’s vehicle in a certain manner when approaching from the rear a disabled stopped, standing, or parked vehicle displaying certain signals; and generally relating to the rules of the road when approaching disabled stopped, standing, or parked vehicles.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

10 Article – Transportation

11 Section 21–405(e)

12 Annotated Code of Maryland

13 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2021 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 21–405.

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.
This subsection applies to a stopped, standing, or parked vehicle that
is:

1. On a highway; [and]

2. Using a visual signal that meets the requirements of § 22–218 or § 22–218.2 of this article; and

[iii] 1. A commercial motor vehicle providing emergency
      maintenance to a disabled vehicle;

[2.] B. An emergency vehicle;

[3.] C. A service vehicle as defined under § 22–201 of this
      article;

[4.] D. A tow truck that is properly registered in
      accordance with § 13–920 of this article; or

[5.] E. A waste or recycling collection vehicle; OR

(ii) 1. ON A HIGHWAY; AND

2. A DISABLED VEHICLE DISPLAYING DISPLAYING:

A. HAZARD WARNING LIGHTS;

B. ROAD FLARES; OR

C. OTHER CAUTION SIGNALS, INCLUDING TRAFFIC
   CONES, CAUTION SIGNS, OR NONVEHICULAR WARNING LIGHTS.

Unless otherwise directed by a police officer or a traffic control device,
the driver of a motor vehicle that approaches from the rear a stopped, standing, or parked
vehicle to which this subsection applies shall:

(i) If practicable and not otherwise prohibited and with due regard
    for safety and traffic conditions, make a lane change into an available lane not immediately
    adjacent to the stopped, standing, or parked vehicle; or

(ii) If the driver of the motor vehicle is unable to make a lane change
    in accordance with item (i) of this paragraph, slow to a reasonable and prudent speed that
    is safe for existing weather, road, and vehicular or pedestrian traffic conditions.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
October 1, 2022.