

HOUSE BILL 925

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By: **Delegate Parrott**

Introduced and read first time: February 7, 2022

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Traffic Control Signal Modernization Fund – Establishment**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Traffic Control Signal Modernization Fund as a
4 special, nonlapsing fund; requiring interest earnings of the Fund to be credited to
5 the Fund; requiring the District Court and a certain political subdivision to pay a
6 certain portion of each fine or civil penalty collected from certain violations of the
7 Maryland Vehicle Law to the Comptroller; requiring the Comptroller to deposit
8 money collected under this Act into the Fund; requiring the Administration to
9 develop and implement a certain plan for upgrading traffic control signals in the
10 State; and generally relating to the Traffic Control Signal Modernization Fund.

11 BY adding to

12 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
13 Section 7–410
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

16 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

17 Article – State Finance and Procurement
18 Section 6–226(a)(2)(i)
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (2021 Replacement Volume)

21 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

22 Article – State Finance and Procurement
23 Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)144. and 145.
24 Annotated Code of Maryland
25 (2021 Replacement Volume)

26 BY adding to

27 Article – State Finance and Procurement

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)146.
2 Annotated Code of Maryland
3 (2021 Replacement Volume)

4 BY adding to
5 Article – Transportation
6 Section 8–663
7 Annotated Code of Maryland
8 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
10 Article – Transportation
11 Section 21–202(a) and (h) and 21–202.1(c) and (d)(1)
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 – Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

17 **7–410.**

18 **(A) THE DISTRICT COURT OR A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION THAT COLLECTS A**
19 **FINE OR A CIVIL PENALTY UNDER § 21–202 OR § 21–202.1 OF THE TRANSPORTATION**
20 **ARTICLE SHALL PAY 10% OF EACH FINE OR CIVIL PENALTY ASSESSED TO THE**
21 **COMPTROLLER.**

22 **(B) THE COMPTROLLER SHALL DEPOSIT ALL MONEY COLLECTED UNDER**
23 **THIS SECTION INTO THE TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL MODERNIZATION FUND**
24 **ESTABLISHED UNDER § 8–663 OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE.**

25 **Article – State Finance and Procurement**

26 **6–226.**

27 (a) (2) (i) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, and unless
28 inconsistent with a federal law, grant agreement, or other federal requirement or with the
29 terms of a gift or settlement agreement, net interest on all State money allocated by the
30 State Treasurer under this section to special funds or accounts, and otherwise entitled to
31 receive interest earnings, as accounted for by the Comptroller, shall accrue to the General
32 Fund of the State.

33 (ii) The provisions of subparagraph (i) of this paragraph do not apply
34 to the following funds:

1 144. the Health Equity Resource Community Reserve Fund;
2 [and]

3 145. the Access to Counsel in Evictions Special Fund; AND

4 146. THE TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL MODERNIZATION
5 FUND.

6 Article – Transportation

7 8–663.

8 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
9 INDICATED.

10 (2) “FUND” MEANS THE TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL
11 MODERNIZATION FUND.

12 (3) “TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN §
13 11–168 OF THIS ARTICLE.

14 (B) THERE IS A TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL MODERNIZATION FUND.

15 (C) THE PURPOSE OF THE FUND IS TO FINANCE THE UPGRADING OF
16 TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS IN THE STATE.

17 (D) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ADMINISTER THE FUND.

18 (E) (1) THE FUND IS A SPECIAL, NONLAPSING FUND THAT IS NOT
19 SUBJECT TO § 7–302 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.

20 (2) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL HOLD THE FUND SEPARATELY,
21 AND THE COMPTROLLER SHALL ACCOUNT FOR THE FUND.

22 (F) THE FUND CONSISTS OF:

23 (1) REVENUE DISTRIBUTED TO THE FUND FROM THE ADDITIONAL
24 COURT COSTS COLLECTED UNDER § 7–410 OF THE COURTS ARTICLE;

25 (2) MONEY APPROPRIATED IN THE STATE BUDGET TO THE FUND;

26 (3) INTEREST EARNINGS; AND

1 **(4) ANY OTHER MONEY FROM ANY OTHER SOURCE ACCEPTED FOR**
2 **THE BENEFIT OF THE FUND.**

3 **(G) (1) THE FUND SHALL BE USED TO PAY FOR EXPENSES ASSOCIATED**
4 **WITH THE UPGRADING OF TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS AS REQUIRED UNDER THIS**
5 **SUBSECTION.**

6 **(2) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A PLAN**
7 **TO UPGRADE, BY DECEMBER 31, 2029, TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS IN THE STATE**
8 **THAT DO NOT:**

9 **(I) PROVIDE BATTERY BACKUP POWER TO PARTS OF THE**
10 **TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL, INCLUDING THE SIGNAL HEAD; OR**

11 **(II) IF NOT ALREADY USED IN THE TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL,**
12 **USE LIGHT-EMITTING DIODE TECHNOLOGY IN THE SIGNAL HEADS OF THE TRAFFIC**
13 **CONTROL SIGNAL.**

14 **(3) THE PLAN DEVELOPED AND IMPLEMENTED BY THE**
15 **ADMINISTRATION SHALL GIVE:**

16 **(I) FIRST PRIORITY TO THE REPLACEMENT OF TRAFFIC**
17 **CONTROL SIGNALS ON OR AT THE INTERSECTION OF HIGHWAYS MAINTAINED BY**
18 **MUNICIPALITIES, EXCEPT BALTIMORE CITY;**

19 **(II) SECOND PRIORITY TO THE REPLACEMENT OF TRAFFIC**
20 **CONTROL SIGNALS ON OR AT THE INTERSECTION OF HIGHWAYS MAINTAINED BY A**
21 **COUNTY OR BALTIMORE CITY; AND**

22 **(III) FINAL PRIORITY TO THE REPLACEMENT OF TRAFFIC**
23 **CONTROL SIGNALS ON STATE HIGHWAYS.**

24 **(H) (1) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL INVEST THE MONEY OF THE FUND**
25 **IN THE SAME MANNER AS OTHER STATE MONEY MAY BE INVESTED.**

26 **(2) ANY INTEREST EARNINGS OF THE FUND SHALL BE CREDITED TO**
27 **THE FUND.**

28 **(I) EXPENDITURES FROM THE FUND MAY BE MADE ONLY IN ACCORDANCE**
29 **WITH THE STATE BUDGET.**

30 **(J) MONEY EXPENDED FROM THE FUND FOR MODERNIZING TRAFFIC**
31 **CONTROL SIGNALS IS SUPPLEMENTAL TO AND IS NOT INTENDED TO TAKE THE**

1 **PLACE OF FUNDING THAT OTHERWISE WOULD BE APPROPRIATED FOR UPGRADING,**
2 **REPLACING, OR OTHERWISE MODERNIZING TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS.**

3 21–202.

4 (a) (1) Except for special pedestrian signals that carry a legend, where traffic
5 is controlled by traffic control signals that show different colored lights or colored lighted
6 arrows, whether successively one at a time or in combination, only the colors green, red,
7 and yellow may be used.

8 (2) These lights apply to drivers and pedestrians as provided in this
9 section.

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

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

12 1. At a clearly marked stop line;

13 2. If there is no clearly marked stop line, before entering any
14 crosswalk; or

15 3. If there is no crosswalk, before entering the intersection;
16 and

17 (ii) Except as provided in subsections (i), (j), and (k) of this section,
18 shall remain stopped until a signal to proceed is shown.

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

20 (i) May not enter the intersection to make the movement indicated
21 by the arrow;

22 (ii) Unless entering the intersection to make a movement permitted
23 by another signal, shall stop at the near side of the intersection:

24 1. At a clearly marked stop line;

25 2. If there is no clearly marked stop line, before entering any
26 crosswalk; or

27 3. If there is no crosswalk, before entering the intersection;
28 and

29 (iii) Except as provided in subsections (i), (j), and (k) of this section,
30 shall remain stopped until a signal permitting the movement is shown.

1 21-202.1.

2 (c) This section applies to a violation of § 21-202(h) of this subtitle at an
3 intersection monitored by a traffic control signal monitoring system.

4 (d) (1) Unless the driver of the motor vehicle received a citation from a police
5 officer at the time of the violation, the owner or, in accordance with subsection (g)(5) of this
6 section, the driver of a motor vehicle is subject to a civil penalty if the motor vehicle is
7 recorded by a traffic control signal monitoring system while being operated in violation of
8 § 21-202(h) of this subtitle.

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
10 1, 2022.