

# HOUSE BILL 1150

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

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Equipment – Highway Maintenance and Service – Green Flashing**  
3 **Lights**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing certain highway maintenance and service equipment and  
5 vehicles, while in use for snow removal or the protection of highway maintenance  
6 workers, to be equipped with and display green flashing lights simultaneously with  
7 yellow or amber flashing lights; and generally relating to the use of green flashing  
8 lights on highway maintenance and service equipment and vehicles.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
10 Article – Transportation  
11 Section 22–218(c)(1)  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
15 Article – Transportation  
16 Section 22–218(c)(6) and (11) and 22–218.2(a)  
17 Annotated Code of Maryland  
18 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

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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 **Article – Transportation**

2 22–218.

3 (c) (1) A person may not drive or move on any highway any vehicle or  
 4 equipment that is equipped with or displays any light or signal device designed to emit an  
 5 oscillating, rotating, blinking, or other type of emission of light, unless designated and  
 6 authorized by the Administrator as indicated in paragraphs (2) through (13) of this  
 7 subsection. The provisions of this section do not prohibit the display and use of any lighting  
 8 device that may be permitted or required elsewhere in the Maryland Vehicle Law.

9 (6) (I) Service vehicles, waste or recycling collection vehicles, rural  
 10 letter carrier vehicles, slow moving farm vehicles, and tow trucks may be equipped with or  
 11 display yellow or amber lights or signal devices.

12 (II) **HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE AND SERVICE EQUIPMENT OR**  
 13 **VEHICLES OWNED BY THE STATE OR A LOCAL JURISDICTION, OR OPERATING UNDER**  
 14 **A CONTRACT WITH THE STATE OR A LOCAL JURISDICTION, THAT ARE EQUIPPED**  
 15 **WITH AND DISPLAYING YELLOW OR AMBER FLASHING LIGHTS WHILE IN USE FOR**  
 16 **SNOW REMOVAL OR THE PROTECTION OF HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE WORKERS MAY**  
 17 **SIMULTANEOUSLY BE EQUIPPED WITH AND DISPLAY GREEN FLASHING LIGHTS IN A**  
 18 **NUMBER UP TO THE NUMBER OF YELLOW OR AMBER FLASHING LIGHTS EQUIPPED**  
 19 **AND DISPLAYED.**

20 (11) The yellow or amber lights or signal devices **[permitted], OR YELLOW**  
 21 **OR AMBER AND GREEN LIGHTS OR SIGNAL DEVICES, AUTHORIZED** on vehicles under  
 22 paragraph (6) of this subsection may be flashed or oscillated or otherwise used only in the  
 23 course of official duties, to indicate to the public that the vehicle is a slow moving vehicle  
 24 or otherwise is impeding traffic.

25 22–218.2.

26 (a) (1) One or more amber flashing lights may be displayed:

27 [(1)] (I) By a tow truck while at the scene of an accident or a disabled  
 28 vehicle or while towing a vehicle; and

29 [(2)] (II) By snow removal and other highway maintenance and service  
 30 equipment and escort vehicles.

31 (2) **HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE AND SERVICE EQUIPMENT OR VEHICLES**  
 32 **OWNED BY THE STATE OR A LOCAL JURISDICTION, OR OPERATING UNDER A**  
 33 **CONTRACT WITH THE STATE OR A LOCAL JURISDICTION, MAY DISPLAY GREEN**  
 34 **FLASHING LIGHTS ONLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 22–218(C)(6) OF THIS SUBTITLE.**

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

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.