Chapter 562

#### (Senate Bill 1030)

# AN ACT concerning

# Baltimore County and Baltimore City – Vehicle Laws – Lighting on Privately Owned Vehicles

FOR the purpose of authorizing certain officers from <u>a</u> certain volunteer emergency medical services <u>organizations located</u> <u>organization operating</u> in Baltimore County and Baltimore City to have their privately owned vehicles equipped with certain lighting devices; and generally relating to vehicle lighting and volunteer emergency services.

# BY renumbering

Article – Transportation Section 22–218(c)(4) through (13) to be Section 22–218(c)(5) through (14), respectively Annotated Code of Maryland (2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Transportation Section 22–218(c)(1) Annotated Code of Maryland (2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

# BY adding to

Article – Transportation Section 22–218(c)(4) Annotated Code of Maryland (2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section(s) 22–218(c)(4) through (13) of Article – Transportation of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 22–218(c)(5) through (14), respectively.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

#### **Article – Transportation**

#### 22-218.

(c) (1) A person may not drive or move on any highway any vehicle or equipment that is equipped with or displays any light or signal device designed to emit an oscillating, rotating, blinking, or other type of emission of light, unless designated and

authorized by the Administrator as indicated in paragraphs (2) through **[**(13)**] (14)** of this subsection. The provisions of this section do not prohibit the display and use of any lighting device that may be permitted or required elsewhere in the Maryland Vehicle Law.

(4) IN EACH NONPROFIT VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY MEDICAL ORGANIZATION THAT IS LOCATED IN BALTIMORE COUNTY OR BALTIMORE CITY AND OPERATES UNDER A COMMERCIAL AMBULANCE SERVICE LICENSE UNDER THE COMMERCIAL AMBULANCE SERVICE LICENSE HELD BY HATZALAH OF BALTIMORE, NO MORE THAN FIVE OF THE HIGHEST-RANKING OFFICERS MAY HAVE THEIR PRIVATELY OWNED VEHICLES EQUIPPED WITH RED OR RED AND WHITE LIGHTS OR SIGNAL DEVICES WHICH MAY BE DISPLAYED ONLY WHILE ON ROUTE TO OR AT THE SCENE OF AN EMERGENCY.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2025.

Approved by the Governor, May 13, 2025.