

(House Bill 243)

AN ACT concerning

Vehicle Laws - Suspension of License
and Registration

FOR the purpose of removing the mandatory suspension of the driving privileges and vehicle registration for operating a vehicle in violation of Section 12-218 pertaining to audible and visual signals on emergency and service vehicles; and revising and clarifying language.

BY repealing and re-enacting, with amendments,

Article 66 1/2 - Vehicle Laws
Section 12-218(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1970 Replacement Volume and 1974 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 12-218(c) of Article 66 1/2 - Vehicle Laws, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1970 Replacement Volume and 1974 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 66 1/2 - Vehicle Laws

12-218.

(c) [No person shall] A PERSON MAY NOT drive or move any vehicle or equipment upon any highway which is equipped with or displays any light or signal device which is designed to emit an oscillating, rotating, blinking or other type of emission of light unless designated and authorized by the Motor Vehicle Administrator as indicated in subparagraphs (1) through (6) below. The provisions of this section shall not be deemed to prohibit the display and use of any lighting device which may be permitted or required elsewhere in this article.

(1) Vehicles of the police department and other city, county, State or federal law-enforcement agencies may be equipped with and display red and blue lights or signal devices.

(2) Vehicles of city, county, State or federal fire departments or duly constituted volunteer fire