

## CHAPTER 169

(House Bill 531)

AN ACT concerning

## Emergency Vehicles - Yielding Right of Way

FOR the purpose of providing that certain prescribed action is required to be taken by the driver of every vehicle on the approach of an emergency vehicle or police vehicle in certain circumstances.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Transportation  
Section 21-405  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1977 Volume and 1980 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

## Article - Transportation

21-405.

(a) On the immediate approach of an emergency vehicle using audible and visual signals that meet the requirements of § 22-218 of this article or of a police vehicle lawfully using an audible signal, the driver of every other [motor] vehicle, unless otherwise directed by a police officer, shall:

(1) Yield the right-of-way;

(2) Drive immediately to a position parallel to and as close as possible to the edge or curb of the roadway, clear of any intersection; and

(3) Stop and stay in this position until the emergency vehicle has passed.

(b) A driver, when proceeding in the same direction as an emergency or police vehicle, may not pass an emergency vehicle using audible and visual signals that meet the requirements of § 22-218 of this article or a police vehicle lawfully using an audible signal unless:

(1) The emergency vehicle has stopped; or

(2) Otherwise directed by a police officer.