

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

Article - Transportation

22-218.2.

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

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

(2) By snow removal and other highway maintenance and service equipment and escort vehicles.

(b) (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, a participant in a citizens on patrol group or other community watch group may display on a vehicle while on patrol in the community one or more amber flashing lights.

(2) An amber flashing light:

(i) May only be displayed if allowed by a law enforcement agency designated by the governing body of the applicable county or municipal corporation; and

(ii) Shall be extinguished at the request of a uniformed law enforcement officer.

(3) The law enforcement agency may require that a sign meeting specifications set by the agency appear on the vehicle that identifies the group conducting the patrol while the amber flashing light is displayed.

(C) (1) A SECURITY GUARD AGENCY LICENSED UNDER TITLE 19 OF THE BUSINESS OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESSIONS ARTICLE MAY ~~DISPLAY ON~~ EQUIP ITS VEHICLES WITH ONE OR MORE AMBER FLASHING LIGHTS.

(2) A PERSON OPERATING A VEHICLE EQUIPPED WITH AMBER FLASHING LIGHTS UNDER THIS SUBSECTION MAY ACTIVATE THE LIGHTS ONLY WHILE ON DUTY ON PROPERTY THAT THE AGENCY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PATROLLING.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2005.

Approved April 26, 2005.