

CHAPTER 496

(House Bill 15)

AN ACT concerning

Vehicle Laws — ~~Baltimore City~~ — School Vehicles — Operation of Flashing Lights

FOR the purpose of repealing certain exceptions for Baltimore City, and for municipal corporations with populations over 100,000, from certain laws governing the operation by school vehicles of warning signals and the overtaking of school vehicles by other vehicles; extending to these jurisdictions the requirement that a school vehicle operate certain warning lights under certain circumstances; extending to these jurisdictions the prohibition against the overtaking and passing of a school vehicle under certain circumstances; providing for the effective date of this Act; and generally relating to overtaking and passing school vehicles.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article — Transportation

Section 21-706 and 22-228(d) and (e)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1992 Replacement Volume and 1994 Supplement)

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

Article — Transportation

21-706.

(a) If a school vehicle is stopping or has stopped on a roadway and is operating the alternately flashing warning lights specified in § 22-228 of this article, the driver of any other vehicle meeting or overtaking the school vehicle shall stop at least 20 feet from the rear of the school vehicle, if approaching the school vehicle from its rear, or at least 20 feet from the front of the school vehicle, if approaching the school vehicle from its front.

(b) If a school vehicle is stopping or has stopped on a roadway and is operating the alternately flashing warning lights specified in § 22-228 of this article, the driver of any other vehicle meeting or overtaking the school vehicle may not proceed until the school vehicle resumes motion or the alternately flashing warning lights are deactivated.

(c) This section does not apply to the driver of a vehicle [:

(1) In Baltimore City;

(2) In an incorporated city or town that, according to the most recent federal decennial census, has a population of more than 100,000 people; or

(3) On] ON a divided highway, if the school vehicle is on a different roadway.