

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.

(2) (ii) ~~The fire chief, the assistant fire chief, or highest ranking fireline officer, the officers of the next highest rank, and the emergency medical services commander for~~ IN each volunteer fire company, ~~;~~ NO MORE THAN FIVE OF THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS may have their privately owned vehicles equipped with red lights or signal devices which may be displayed only while on route to or at the scene of an emergency:

1. THE FIRE CHIEF OR THE HIGHEST RANKING FIRELINE OFFICER;
2. ONE OR MORE OF THE ASSISTANT CHIEFS OR DEPUTY CHIEFS, WHICHEVER RANK IS SECOND IN COMMAND; AND
3. THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COMMANDER.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1996.

Approved April 30, 1996.

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## CHAPTER 219

### (House Bill 412)

AN ACT concerning

#### **Transportation – Electronic Toll Collection and Enforcement**

FOR the purpose of providing for the remittance of certain fees collected by the District Court to the Maryland Transportation Authority; clarifying that certain penalties pertaining to the failure to pay tolls shall be paid directly to the Authority in uncontested cases; clarifying that persons receiving certain citations may elect to stand trial in District Court and that certain procedures will be followed; exempting certain records, photographs and video images collected by the Maryland Transportation Authority, its agents or employees from public access under the Public Information Act; permitting certain individuals to have access to certain records, photographs and video images collected by the Authority, its agents or employees; allowing for the placement of electronic toll collection tags on the windshields of motor vehicles; defining certain terms; providing for certain civil penalties for the failure to pay tolls in certain situations; requiring the Authority to provide certain notifications to certain registered vehicle owners; making certain registered vehicle owners liable for the payment of certain tolls; providing for the admissibility of certain evidence in court; exempting certain motor vehicle owners under certain circumstances from liability for the failure of vehicle drivers to pay certain tolls; prohibiting the Motor Vehicle Administration from registering or transferring the registration of certain vehicles; allowing for the suspension of