

Sincerely,
Parris N. Glendening
Governor

Senate Bill No. 392

AN ACT concerning

Emergency Vehicles - Use of Flashing Lights While Parking and Backing

FOR the purpose of authorizing the driver of an emergency vehicle to use flashing lights within a certain distance of the entrance ramp to a fire or rescue station while parking or backing the vehicle; prohibiting the driver of a vehicle from passing an emergency vehicle within a certain distance of an entrance ramp to a fire or rescue station when the driver of the emergency vehicle is parking or backing the vehicle; making technical corrections; and generally relating to the use of flashing lights while parking or backing emergency vehicles.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Transportation

Section 21-106, 21-1109, and 22-218(c) and (e)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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

Article - Transportation

21-106.

(a) Subject to the conditions stated in this section, the driver of an emergency vehicle registered in any state may exercise the privileges set forth in this section while:

- (1) Responding to an emergency call;
- (2) Pursuing a violator or suspected violator of the law; or
- (3) Responding to, but not while returning from, a fire alarm.

(b) Under the circumstances stated in subsection (a) of this section, the driver of an emergency vehicle may:

- (1) Park or stand without regard to the other provisions of this title;
- (2) Pass a red or stop signal, a stop sign, or a yield sign, but only after slowing down as necessary for safety;
- (3) Exceed any maximum speed limit, but only so long as the driver does not endanger life or property; and