

(f) If the driver of any vehicle described in subsection (a) of this section approaches a railroad grade crossing, the driver may not shift gears manually while passing over any track of the railroad.

(g) (1) This section does not apply to the vehicles described in subsection (a)(1), (4), and (5) of this section, at any railroad grade crossing in a business district or residential district.

(2) This section does not apply to school buses and church buses, as described in subsection (a)(2) and (3) of this section, at locations within Baltimore City where complying with the provision of this section would conflict with the existing traffic signal indications.

21-703.1.

UNLESS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SUBTITLE, UPON APPROACHING A RAILROAD GRADE CROSSING, THE OPERATOR OF EVERY COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE SHALL:

(1) SLOW DOWN AND CHECK THAT THE TRACKS ARE CLEAR OF AN APPROACHING TRAIN;

(2) STOP BEFORE REACHING THE CROSSING, IF THE TRACKS ARE NOT CLEAR;

(3) ATTEMPT TO NEGOTIATE THE CROSSING ONLY IF THE CROSSING AND THE ROADWAY BEYOND THE CROSSING ARE SUFFICIENTLY CLEAR OF OTHER TRAFFIC SO THAT THE DRIVER CAN DRIVE COMPLETELY THROUGH AND CLEAR OF THE CROSSING WITHOUT STOPPING;

(4) OBEY A TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICE OR THE DIRECTIONS OF A POLICE OFFICER AT THE CROSSING; AND

(5) ATTEMPT TO NEGOTIATE THE CROSSING ONLY IF THE VEHICLE HAS SUFFICIENT UNDERCARRIAGE CLEARANCE.

21-704.

(a) Unless a person has complied with this section, he may not drive or move on or across any railroad grade crossing any power shovel, derrick, roller, crawler-type tractor, or other equipment or structure that has:

(1) A normal operating speed of 10 miles an hour or less; or

(2) A vertical body or load clearance, measured above the level surface of a roadway, of less than:

(i) One-half inch for each foot of the distance between any two adjacent axles; or

(ii) 9 inches.

(b) Before any person drives or moves any equipment described in subsection (a) of this section on or across any railroad grade crossing, the person shall: