

regulations governing the removal of vehicles left unattended for a certain time period on vehicular crossings or highways under its jurisdiction; providing that such authority applies notwithstanding certain provisions pertaining to abandoned vehicles; modifying a certain prohibition pertaining to the stopping, standing, or parking of vehicles to apply to highways under the jurisdiction of the Maryland Transportation Authority; and generally relating to the authority of the Maryland Transportation Authority to regulate unattended vehicles on Authority facilities.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Transportation

Section 21-1407

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1992 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

Article - Transportation

21-1407.

(A) The driver of a vehicle may not stop, stand, or park the vehicle on any vehicular crossing OR HIGHWAY UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY, except:

- (1) If necessary to avoid injury or damage to any person or property;
- (2) In compliance with the lawful direction of an authorized employee of the vehicular crossing;
- (3) At a designated area for the transaction of business at an administration building; or
- (4) If the vehicle is disabled or involved in an accident, in which case the vehicle shall be moved, if possible:
 - (i) To the shoulder of the roadway;
 - (ii) Adjacent to the emergency walkway on a bridge; or
 - (iii) As otherwise directed by a patrol officer.

(B) NOTWITHSTANDING § 25-201(B) OF THIS ARTICLE, THE MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE REMOVAL OF VEHICLES LEFT UNATTENDED FOR ~~4~~ 12 OR MORE HOURS ON ANY VEHICULAR CROSSING OR HIGHWAY UNDER ITS JURISDICTION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1998.

Approved May 12, 1998.