

HOUSE BILL 210

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By: **Delegates Ali and Glenn**
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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Malfunctioning Traffic Light Act**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring a driver who is approaching a traffic control signal with
4 no visible lighted indication to reduce speed and prepare to yield to other
5 vehicles in or approaching the intersection under certain circumstances; and
6 generally relating to malfunctioning traffic control signals.

7 BY adding to
8 Article – Transportation
9 Section 21–202(m)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13 Article – Transportation
14 Section 21–202(m)
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

17 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
18 Article – Transportation
19 Section 21–209
20 Annotated Code of Maryland
21 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

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

24 **Article – Transportation**

25 21–202.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(M) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN § 21-209 OF THIS SUBTITLE AND UNLESS**
2 **OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY A POLICE OFFICER, IF NO LIGHTED INDICATION IS**
3 **VISIBLE TO A DRIVER APPROACHING A TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL, THE DRIVER**
4 **SHALL REDUCE SPEED AND PREPARE TO YIELD TO OTHER VEHICLES IN OR**
5 **APPROACHING THE INTERSECTION.**

6 **[(m)] (N)** Except for those provisions of this section that by their very nature
7 cannot apply, this section applies to a traffic control signal placed at a location other
8 than an intersection. Each stop required by the signal shall be made at a sign or
9 marking on the pavement indicating where the stop shall be made or, if there is no
10 sign or marking, at the signal.

11 21-209.

12 Vehicular traffic approaching a highway from an exit ramp from an expressway,
13 as defined in § 21-101(k) of this title, and facing a nonfunctioning traffic control signal
14 at the intersection of the exit ramp and the highway shall:

15 (1) Stop:

16 (i) At a clearly marked stop line;

17 (ii) If there is no clearly marked stop line, before entering any
18 crosswalk; or

19 (iii) If there is no crosswalk, before entering the highway; and

20 (2) Remain stopped until it is safe to continue onto the highway.

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
22 October 1, 2010.