

# SENATE BILL 177

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By: **Senators Robey and Klausmeier**

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – Nonfunctioning Traffic Control Signals – Requirement to**  
3 **Stop**

4 FOR the purpose of altering a certain provision of law requiring vehicular traffic to  
5 stop and take certain actions when approaching a nonfunctioning traffic control  
6 signal at certain intersections to apply the requirement to all intersections;  
7 requiring vehicular traffic approaching a nonfunctioning traffic control signal at  
8 an intersection to stop in a certain manner, yield to certain other vehicles or  
9 pedestrians, and remain stopped until it is safe to enter and continue through  
10 the intersection; clarifying certain language; and generally relating to  
11 nonfunctioning traffic control signals at intersections.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
13 Article – Transportation  
14 Section 21–101(a) and (l)  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

17 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
18 Article – Transportation  
19 Section 21–209  
20 Annotated Code of Maryland  
21 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2011 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 21–101.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (a) In this title and Title 25 of this article the following words have the  
2 meanings indicated.

3 (l) (1) "Intersection" means:

4 (i) The area within the prolongation or connection of the lateral  
5 curb lines or, in the absence of curbs, the lateral boundary lines of the roadways of two  
6 highways that join at or approximately at right angles; or

7 (ii) The area within which vehicles traveling on different  
8 highways joining at any other angle may come in conflict.

9 (2) If a divided highway includes two roadways that are 30 feet or  
10 more apart, every crossing of each roadway of the divided highway by an intersecting  
11 highway is a separate intersection. If the intersecting highway also includes two  
12 roadways that are 30 feet or more apart, every crossing of two roadways of these  
13 highways is a separate intersection.

14 21–209.

15 Vehicular traffic approaching a [highway from an exit ramp from an  
16 expressway, as defined in § 21–101(k) of this title, and facing a] nonfunctioning traffic  
17 control signal at [the] AN intersection [of the exit ramp and the highway] shall:

18 (1) Stop:

19 (i) At a clearly marked stop line;

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

22 (iii) If there is no **CLEARLY MARKED STOP LINE OR** crosswalk,  
23 before entering the [highway] **INTERSECTION**; [and]

24 (2) **YIELD TO ANY VEHICLE OR PEDESTRIAN IN THE**  
25 **INTERSECTION; AND**

26 (3) Remain stopped until it is safe to **ENTER AND** continue [onto the  
27 highway] **THROUGH THE INTERSECTION**.

28 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
29 October 1, 2012.