

SENATE BILL 89

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By: **Senators Jacobs, Colburn, Montgomery, and Stone**

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

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 steps 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, and
9 remain stopped until it is safe to continue through the intersection; and
10 generally relating to nonfunctioning traffic control signals at intersections.

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

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

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

23 **Article – Transportation**

24 21–101.

25 (l) (1) “Intersection” means:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

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

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

11 21–209.

12 Vehicular traffic approaching [a highway from an exit ramp from an
13 expressway, as defined in § 21–101(k) of this title, and facing] a nonfunctioning traffic
14 control signal at [the] AN 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]
20 INTERSECTION; [and]

21 (2) **YIELD TO ANY OTHER VEHICLE APPROACHING THE**
22 **INTERSECTION; AND**

23 (3) Remain stopped until it is safe to continue [onto the highway]
24 **THROUGH THE INTERSECTION.**

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