

# HOUSE BILL 1543

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By: **Delegates Lisanti, Cassilly, Glass, Hornberger, and Reilly**

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Tow Trucks – Driver Safety Act**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring a yellow or amber light or signal device on a certain tow truck  
4 that is manufactured on or after a certain date to use a light-emitting diode;  
5 ~~authorizing~~ requiring a certain tow truck to display certain paint or markings in a  
6 certain location on the vehicle; and generally relating to lighting and reflective paint  
7 and markings on tow trucks.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article – Transportation  
10 Section 22–218(c)(6)  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

13 BY adding to  
14 Article – Transportation  
15 Section 22–420  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

20 **Article – Transportation**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 22-218.

2 (c) (6) (I) [Service] SUBJECT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS  
3 PARAGRAPH, SERVICE vehicles, waste or recycling collection vehicles, rural letter carrier  
4 vehicles, slow moving farm vehicles, and tow trucks may be equipped with or display yellow  
5 or amber lights or signal devices.

6 (II) A TOW TRUCK REGISTERED UNDER § 13-920 OF THIS  
7 ARTICLE AND MANUFACTURED ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 1, 2018, THAT IS EQUIPPED  
8 WITH A YELLOW OR AMBER LIGHT OR SIGNAL DEVICE SHALL USE A LIGHT-EMITTING  
9 DIODE IN THE LIGHT OR SIGNAL DEVICE.

10 22-420.

11 A TOW TRUCK REGISTERED UNDER § 13-920 OF THIS ARTICLE ~~MAY~~ SHALL  
12 DISPLAY REFLECTIVE PAINT OR MARKINGS ON THE REAR OF THE VEHICLE.

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
14 October 1, 2018.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.