

HOUSE BILL 582

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By: **Delegate Barkley**

Introduced and read first time: February 6, 2012

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – Vehicles of Public Service Companies – Use of Yellow and**
3 **Amber Lights**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing vehicles of public service companies to be equipped
5 with or display yellow or amber lights or signal devices; making conforming and
6 stylistic changes; and generally relating to lighting equipment on vehicles of
7 public service companies.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
9 Article – Transportation
10 Section 22–201 and 22–218(c)(11)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
14 Article – Transportation
15 Section 22–218(c)(6) and (e) and 22–227(a)
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

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

20 **Article – Transportation**

21 22–201.

22 In this subtitle, “service vehicles” means any of the following vehicles that are
23 designated by the Administration as service vehicles:

24 (1) Vehicles of federal, State, or local agencies;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) Vehicles of public service companies; and

2 (3) Vehicles of persons performing governmental functions under a
3 contract with any federal, State, or local government.

4 22–218.

5 (c) (6) Service vehicles, **VEHICLES OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANIES**
6 **REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE VEHICLE IS DESIGNATED AS A SERVICE**
7 **VEHICLE**, rural letter carrier vehicles, slow moving farm vehicles, and tow trucks may
8 be equipped with or display yellow or amber lights or signal devices.

9 (11) The yellow or amber lights or signal devices permitted on vehicles
10 under paragraph (6) of this subsection may be flashed or oscillated or otherwise used
11 only in the course of official duties, to indicate to the public that the vehicle is a slow
12 moving vehicle or otherwise is impeding traffic.

13 (e) Except as provided in subsection (c)(3) of this section, the flashing
14 lighting described in subsections (b) and (c) of this section may not be used on any
15 vehicle other than an emergency vehicle, service vehicle, **VEHICLE OF A PUBLIC**
16 **SERVICE COMPANY**, or school vehicle.

17 22–227.

18 (a) **(1) THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO:**

19 **(I) HEADLAMPS;**

20 **(II) SPOT LAMPS;**

21 **(III) AUXILIARY LAMPS;**

22 **(IV) FLASHING TURN SIGNALS; OR**

23 **(V) WARNING LAMPS ON:**

24 **1. EMERGENCY VEHICLES;**

25 **2. SERVICE VEHICLES;**

26 **3. PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY VEHICLES; OR**

27 **4. SCHOOL VEHICLES.**

1 **(2)** During the times specified in § 22–201.1 of this subtitle, any
2 lighted lamp or illuminating device on a motor vehicle [(other than headlamps, spot
3 lamps, auxiliary lamps, flashing turn signals, emergency vehicle and service vehicle
4 warning lamps, and school vehicle warning lamps)] that projects a beam of light of an
5 intensity greater than 300 candlepower shall be so directed that no part of the
6 high–intensity portion of the beam will strike the level of the roadway on which the
7 vehicle stands at a distance of more than 75 feet from the vehicle.

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