

HOUSE BILL 67

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

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.

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.