

# SENATE BILL 589

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By: **Senator Sydnor**

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Criminal Procedure – Police Officers – Stop Procedures**  
3 **(Know Your Rights Act)**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring a police officer to display certain identification and provide  
5 certain information to certain individuals at the commencement of a certain stop,  
6 with a certain exception; requiring a police officer to inform certain passengers and  
7 occupants of a certain vehicle of a certain right at a certain time; prohibiting a police  
8 officer from seizing certain items without a warrant or using certain tactics or  
9 deliberately misrepresenting facts for a certain purpose at a certain time; requiring  
10 the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission to adopt certain  
11 standards; defining certain terms; and generally relating to police procedures.

12 BY adding to  
13 Article – Criminal Procedure  
14 Section 2–109  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

17 BY adding to  
18 Article – Public Safety  
19 Section 3–207(j)  
20 Annotated Code of Maryland  
21 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

24 **Article – Criminal Procedure**  
25 **2–109.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           **(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**  
2 **INDICATED.**

3                   **(2) “POLICE OFFICER” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 3–201 OF THE**  
4 **PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE.**

5                   **(3) (I) “STOP” MEANS AN INSTANCE IN WHICH A POLICE OFFICER**  
6 **RESTRICTS THE LIBERTY OF AN INDIVIDUAL BASED ON A SUSPECTED VIOLATION OF**  
7 **ANY LAW.**

8                           **(II) “STOP” INCLUDES INSTANCES OF LIMITED SEARCH AND**  
9 **SEIZURE CONDUCTED UNDER § 4–206 OF THE CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE.**

10                   **(4) “TRAFFIC STOP” MEANS AN INSTANCE WHEN A POLICE OFFICER**  
11 **STOPS THE DRIVER OF A MOTOR VEHICLE AND DETAINS THE DRIVER FOR ANY**  
12 **PERIOD OF TIME FOR A SUSPECTED VIOLATION OF THE MARYLAND VEHICLE LAW**  
13 **OR ANY OTHER LAW.**

14           **(B) AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF A TRAFFIC STOP OR OTHER STOP, ABSENT**  
15 **EXIGENT CIRCUMSTANCES, A POLICE OFFICER SHALL:**

16                   **(1) DISPLAY PROPER IDENTIFICATION TO THE STOPPED INDIVIDUAL;**

17                   **(2) PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO THE STOPPED**  
18 **INDIVIDUAL:**

19                           **(I) THE OFFICER’S NAME;**

20                           **(II) THE OFFICER’S BADGE NUMBER;**

21                           **(III) THE NAME OF THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY THE POLICE**  
22 **OFFICER IS REPRESENTING; AND**

23                           **(IV) THE REASON FOR THE TRAFFIC STOP OR OTHER STOP; AND**

24                   **(3) INFORM THE STOPPED INDIVIDUAL OF THE RIGHT:**

25                           **(I) TO REFUSE TO SPEAK OR PROVIDE INFORMATION TO THE**  
26 **POLICE OFFICER;**

27                           **(II) TO BE INFORMED OF THE JUSTIFICATION FOR THE STOP;**

28 **AND**

1                   **(III) TO TERMINATE THE INTERACTION.**

2           **(C) AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF A TRAFFIC STOP, A POLICE OFFICER SHALL**  
3 **INFORM ALL OCCUPANTS OF THE VEHICLE, OTHER THAN THE DRIVER, OF THE RIGHT**  
4 **TO REFUSE TO PROVIDE IDENTIFICATION TO THE POLICE OFFICER.**

5           **(D) DURING A TRAFFIC STOP OR OTHER STOP, A POLICE OFFICER MAY NOT:**

6                   **(1) SEIZE A PERSONAL ITEM FROM AN INDIVIDUAL, INCLUDING A**  
7 **CELL PHONE OR OTHER RECORDING DEVICE, WITHOUT A WARRANT; OR**

8                   **(2) USE COERCIVE TACTICS OR DELIBERATELY MISREPRESENT**  
9 **FACTS IN ORDER TO OBTAIN INFORMATION.**

10                                   **Article – Public Safety**

11   3–207.

12           **(J) THE COMMISSION SHALL DEVELOP STANDARDS TO IMPLEMENT THE**  
13 **REQUIREMENTS OF § 2–109 OF THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE ARTICLE.**

14           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
15   October 1, 2021.