

Chapter 204

(House Bill 1150)

AN ACT concerning

**Vehicle Equipment – Highway Maintenance and Service – Green Flashing
Lights**

FOR the purpose of authorizing certain highway maintenance and service equipment and vehicles, while in use for snow removal or the protection of highway maintenance workers, to be equipped with and display green flashing lights simultaneously with yellow or amber flashing lights; and generally relating to the use of green flashing lights on highway maintenance and service equipment and vehicles.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 22–218(c)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 22–218(c)(6) and (11) and 22–218.2(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

Article – Transportation

22–218.

(c) (1) A person may not drive or move on any highway any vehicle or equipment that is equipped with or displays any light or signal device designed to emit an oscillating, rotating, blinking, or other type of emission of light, unless designated and authorized by the Administrator as indicated in paragraphs (2) through (13) of this subsection. The provisions of this section do not prohibit the display and use of any lighting device that may be permitted or required elsewhere in the Maryland Vehicle Law.

(6) **(I)** Service vehicles, waste or recycling collection vehicles, rural letter carrier vehicles, slow moving farm vehicles, and tow trucks may be equipped with or display yellow or amber lights or signal devices.

(II) HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE AND SERVICE EQUIPMENT OR VEHICLES OWNED BY THE STATE OR A LOCAL JURISDICTION, OR OPERATING UNDER A CONTRACT WITH THE STATE OR A LOCAL JURISDICTION, THAT ARE EQUIPPED WITH AND DISPLAYING YELLOW OR AMBER FLASHING LIGHTS WHILE IN USE FOR SNOW REMOVAL OR THE PROTECTION OF HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE WORKERS MAY SIMULTANEOUSLY BE EQUIPPED WITH AND DISPLAY GREEN FLASHING LIGHTS IN A NUMBER UP TO THE NUMBER OF YELLOW OR AMBER FLASHING LIGHTS EQUIPPED AND DISPLAYED.

(11) The yellow or amber lights or signal devices [permitted], **OR YELLOW OR AMBER AND GREEN LIGHTS OR SIGNAL DEVICES, AUTHORIZED** on vehicles under paragraph (6) of this subsection may be flashed or oscillated or otherwise used only in the course of official duties, to indicate to the public that the vehicle is a slow moving vehicle or otherwise is impeding traffic.

22-218.2.

(a) **(1)** One or more amber flashing lights may be displayed:

[(1)] (I) By a tow truck while at the scene of an accident or a disabled vehicle or while towing a vehicle; and

[(2)] (II) By snow removal and other highway maintenance and service equipment and escort vehicles.

(2) HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE AND SERVICE EQUIPMENT OR VEHICLES OWNED BY THE STATE OR A LOCAL JURISDICTION, OR OPERATING UNDER A CONTRACT WITH THE STATE OR A LOCAL JURISDICTION, MAY DISPLAY GREEN FLASHING LIGHTS ONLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 22-218(C)(6) OF THIS SUBTITLE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2022.

Approved by the Governor, April 21, 2022.