

SENATE BILL 154

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By: **Senators King, Feldman, Guzzone, Kagan, Lee, Madaleno, Manno, Peters, Smith, Young, and Zucker**

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – School Bus Monitoring Cameras – Civil Penalty**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the civil penalty for a violation recorded by a school bus
4 monitoring camera for failure to stop for a school vehicle operating alternately
5 flashing red lights; repealing a requirement that the District Court prescribe a
6 certain civil penalty; and generally relating to civil penalties for violations recorded
7 by school bus monitoring cameras.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
9 Article – Transportation
10 Section 21–706 and 21–706.1(a)(6)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
14 Article – Transportation
15 Section 21–706.1(e)
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2016 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**

21 21–706.

22 (a) If a school vehicle has stopped on a roadway and is operating the alternately
23 flashing red lights specified in § 22–228 of this article, the driver of any other vehicle
24 meeting or overtaking the school vehicle shall stop at least 20 feet from the rear of the

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 school vehicle, if approaching the school vehicle from its rear, or at least 20 feet from the
2 front of the school vehicle, if approaching the school vehicle from its front.

3 (b) If a school vehicle has stopped on a roadway and is operating the alternately
4 flashing red lights specified in § 22–228 of this article, the driver of any other vehicle
5 meeting or overtaking the school vehicle may not proceed until the school vehicle resumes
6 motion or the alternately flashing red lights are deactivated.

7 (c) This section does not apply to the driver of a vehicle on a divided highway, if
8 the school vehicle is on a different roadway.

9 21–706.1.

10 (a) (6) “Violation” means a violation of § 21–706 of this subtitle.

11 (e) (1) Unless the driver of the motor vehicle received a citation from a police
12 officer at the time of the violation, the owner or, in accordance with subsection (h)(5) of this
13 section, the driver of a motor vehicle is subject to a civil penalty if the motor vehicle is
14 recorded by a school bus monitoring camera during the commission of a violation.

15 (2) **[A] THE** civil penalty under this subsection **[may not exceed] IS** \$250.

16 (3) For purposes of this section, the District Court shall **[prescribe]**:

17 (i) **[A] PRESCRIBE A** uniform citation form consistent with
18 subsection (f)(1) of this section and § 7–302 of the Courts Article; and

19 (ii) **[A civil penalty, which shall be indicated] INDICATE THE CIVIL**
20 **PENALTY** on the citation, to be paid by persons who choose to prepay the civil penalty
21 without appearing in District Court.

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
23 October 1, 2017.