

# HOUSE BILL 173

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – Bicycles, EPAMDs, and Motor Scooters – Rules of the Road**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a driver of a motor vehicle from overtaking and  
4 passing a bicycle, an EPAMD, or a motor scooter that is going in the same  
5 direction unless the driver can do so safely without endangering the rider of the  
6 bicycle, EPAMD, or motor scooter; prohibiting a driver of a vehicle from  
7 intentionally interfering with the movement of a person who is riding a bicycle,  
8 EPAMD, or motor scooter; requiring a driver of a motor vehicle to yield the  
9 right-of-way to a person who is riding a bicycle, an EPAMD, or a motor scooter  
10 in a bicycle lane; and generally relating to the rules of the road for bicycles,  
11 EPAMDs, and motor scooters.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
13 Article – Transportation  
14 Section 21–1209  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

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

19 **Article – Transportation**

20 21–1209.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, the driver of a vehicle  
2 [shall]:

3 (1) **SHALL** exercise due care to avoid colliding with any bicycle,  
4 EPAMD, or motor scooter being ridden by a person; **AND**

5 (2) **MAY NOT INTENTIONALLY INTERFERE WITH THE MOVEMENT**  
6 **OF A PERSON WHO IS RIDING A BICYCLE, AN EPAMD, OR A MOTOR SCOOTER.**

7 (b) A person may not throw any object at or in the direction of any person  
8 riding a bicycle, an EPAMD, or a motor scooter.

9 (c) A person may not open the door of any motor vehicle with intent to strike,  
10 injure, or interfere with any person riding a bicycle, an EPAMD, or a motor scooter.

11 (D) **THE DRIVER OF A MOTOR VEHICLE SHALL YIELD THE**  
12 **RIGHT-OF-WAY TO A PERSON WHO IS RIDING A BICYCLE, AN EPAMD, OR A**  
13 **MOTOR SCOOTER IN A DESIGNATED BICYCLE LANE.**

14 (E) **IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER REQUIREMENTS OF THIS TITLE**  
15 **GOVERNING THE OVERTAKING AND PASSING OF VEHICLES, THE DRIVER OF A**  
16 **MOTOR VEHICLE MAY NOT OVERTAKE AND PASS A BICYCLE, AN EPAMD, OR A**  
17 **MOTOR SCOOTER THAT IS GOING IN THE SAME DIRECTION UNLESS THE DRIVER**  
18 **CAN DO SO SAFELY WITHOUT ENDANGERING THE RIDER OF THE BICYCLE,**  
19 **EPAMD, OR MOTOR SCOOTER.**

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
21 October 1, 2007.