

HOUSE BILL 143

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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

4 FOR the purpose of requiring a driver of a vehicle, when overtaking a bicycle, a play
5 vehicle, an EPAMD, or a motor scooter, to pass safely at a certain distance;
6 requiring a driver of a motor vehicle to yield the right-of-way to a person who is
7 riding a bicycle, a play vehicle, an EPAMD, or a motor scooter in a designated
8 bicycle lane; making certain provisions of law currently applicable to bicycles,
9 EPAMDs, and motor scooters also applicable to play vehicles; and generally
10 relating to the rules of the road for bicycles, play vehicles, EPAMDs, and motor
11 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 2007 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.

21 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, the driver of a vehicle
22 shall [exercise]:

23 (1) **EXERCISE** due care to avoid colliding with any bicycle, **PLAY**
24 **VEHICLE**, EPAMD, or motor scooter being ridden by a person; **AND**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(2) WHEN OVERTAKING A BICYCLE, A PLAY VEHICLE, AN**
2 **EPAMD, OR A MOTOR SCOOTER, PASS SAFELY AT A DISTANCE OF NOT LESS**
3 **THAN 3 FEET.**

4 (b) A person may not throw any object at or in the direction of any person
5 riding a bicycle, **A PLAY VEHICLE**, an EPAMD, or a motor scooter.

6 (c) A person may not open the door of any motor vehicle with intent to strike,
7 injure, or interfere with any person riding a bicycle, **A PLAY VEHICLE**, an EPAMD, or
8 a motor scooter.

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

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
13 October 1, 2008.