

May 15, 2014

The Honorable Michael E. Busch
Speaker of the House
H-101 State House
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed House Bill 205 – *Vehicle Laws – Electric Bicycle – Definition*.

The bill alters the definition of “bicycle” for purposes of the Maryland Vehicle Law to include an electric bicycle and defining the term “electric bicycle” as a vehicle designed to be operated by human power with the assistance of an electric motor, has a motor with a rating of 500 watts or less and other specified characteristics and establishes that the definitions of “moped”, “motorized minibike”, and “motor vehicle” do not include an electric bicycle and specifying an exception for Ocean City, Maryland.

Senate Bill 378, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 205.

Sincerely,

Governor Martin O'Malley