

HOUSE BILL 873

R1, R5

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By: **Delegates Conway, Arentz, Cane, Eckardt, Otto, Proctor, Rudolph, and Smigiel**

Introduced and read first time: February 5, 2014

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Vehicle Laws – Divided Highways – Speed Limits and Crosswalks

FOR the purpose of requiring that, on a divided highway that has traffic lights located in certain areas, each intersection that has a traffic light shall also have a crosswalk through the divided highway; altering the maximum speed limits on certain divided highways in certain areas; and generally relating to speed limits and crosswalks for divided highways.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Transportation

The part designation “Part VI. Sidewalks and Crosswalks” immediately preceding Section 8–629

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2008 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Transportation

Section 8–631

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2008 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Transportation

Section 21–801.1(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2012 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Transportation

Section 21–801.1(b)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

Article – Transportation

Part VI. Sidewalks AND CROSSWALKS.

8–631.

ON A DIVIDED HIGHWAY THAT HAS TRAFFIC LIGHTS LOCATED IN A COMMUNITY WITH SIGNIFICANT PEDESTRIAN ACTIVITY, EACH INTERSECTION THAT HAS A TRAFFIC LIGHT SHALL ALSO HAVE A CROSSWALK THROUGH THE DIVIDED HIGHWAY.

21–801.1.

(a) Unless there is a special danger that requires a lower speed to comply with § 21–801 of this subtitle, the limits specified in this section or otherwise established under this subtitle are maximum lawful speeds. A person may not drive a vehicle on a highway at a speed that exceeds these limits.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the maximum speed limits are:

(1) 15 miles an hour in alleys in Baltimore County;

(2) 30 miles an hour on:

(i) All highways in a business district; and

(ii) Undivided highways in a residential district;

(3) 35 miles an hour on divided highways in a residential district;

(4) **ON A DIVIDED HIGHWAY THAT HAS TRAFFIC LIGHTS AND IS LOCATED IN A COMMUNITY WITH SIGNIFICANT PEDESTRIAN ACTIVITY, 40 MILES AN HOUR AS THE HIGHWAY APPROACHES THE TRAFFIC LIGHTS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MANUAL AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR A UNIFORM SYSTEM OF TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES ADOPTED BY THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION UNDER § 25–104 OF THIS ARTICLE.**

(5) 50 miles an hour on undivided highways in other locations; and

~~[(5)] (6)~~ ~~[55]~~ **65** miles an hour on divided highways in other locations.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2014.