

May 26, 2017

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.
President of the Senate
H-107 State House
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have vetoed Senate Bill 925 – *Vehicle Laws – Bicycles, Play Vehicles, and Unicycles – Operation on Sidewalks and in Crosswalks*.

This bill provides that, subject to certain provisions of law, as well as certain traffic control signals, the same right-of-way privileges granted to pedestrians apply to a person that lawfully rides a bicycle, play vehicle, or unicycle on a sidewalk, in a sidewalk area, or through crosswalk. This bill exempts such riders from the existing requirement for pedestrians to walk on a sidewalk, and not on an adjacent roadway, whenever a sidewalk is available, as well as the requirement to walk on the left shoulder, or left side of the roadway facing oncoming traffic, when no sidewalk is available.

House Bill 997, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 925.

Sincerely,

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor