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By: **Delegate Arnick**

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Assigned to: Commerce and Government Matters

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Pedestrian Rights and Rules - Lane Dividers - Prohibitions**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from standing on lane dividers; exempting  
4 certain persons and pedestrians from the prohibition against standing on lane  
5 dividers; subjecting a person who violates this Act to certain penalties; defining  
6 a certain term; and generally relating to standing on lane dividers.

7 BY adding to

8 Article - Transportation

9 Section 21-507(c)

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (1998 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

13 Article - Transportation

14 Section 27-101(a) and (b)

15 Annotated Code of Maryland

16 (1998 Replacement Volume and 1998 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 21-507.

21 (C) (1) IN THIS SUBSECTION, "LANE DIVIDER" MEANS ANY INTERVENING  
22 SPACE, BARRIER, OR CLEARLY INDICATED DIVIDING SECTION CONSTRUCTED TO  
23 IMPEDE VEHICULAR TRAFFIC BETWEEN TWO ROADWAYS.

24 (2) A PERSON MAY NOT STAND ON A LANE DIVIDER.

25 (3) THIS PROHIBITION IN THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO:

1 (I) A PERSON PERFORMING MAINTENANCE OR CONSTRUCTION  
2 WORK AUTHORIZED BY THE STATE OR A LOCAL GOVERNMENT;

3 (II) A PERSON DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN AN EMERGENCY SITUATION;  
4 OR

5 (III) A PEDESTRIAN PAUSING ON A LANE DIVIDER FOR THE FIRST  
6 OPPORTUNITY TO CROSS THE ROADWAY SAFELY.

7 27-101.

8 (a) It is a misdemeanor for any person to violate any of the provisions of the  
9 Maryland Vehicle Law unless the violation:

10 (1) Is declared to be a felony by the Maryland Vehicle Law or by any  
11 other law of this State; or

12 (2) Is punishable by a civil penalty under the applicable provision of the  
13 Maryland Vehicle Law.

14 (b) Except as otherwise provided in this section, any person convicted of a  
15 misdemeanor for the violation of any of the provisions of the Maryland Vehicle Law is  
16 subject to a fine of not more than \$500.

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
18 October 1, 1999.