
By: **Delegate Cryor**

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Assigned to: Commerce and Government Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - Motorcycles - Passenger Footrests**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting an operator of a motorcycle from carrying a passenger
4 on a motorcycle unless both feet of the passenger sit firmly on the passenger
5 footrests of the motorcycle; and generally relating to the transportation of
6 passengers on motorcycles.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article - Transportation
9 Section 21-1302
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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

14 **Article - Transportation**

15 21-1302.

16 (a) The operator of a motorcycle may ride the motorcycle only on the
17 permanent and regular seat attached to it.

18 (b) The operator of a motorcycle may not carry any other person unless:

19 (1) [the] THE motorcycle is designed to carry more than one person, in
20 which event a passenger may ride on the permanent and regular seat, if designed for
21 two persons, or on another seat firmly attached to the motorcycle at the rear or side
22 of the operator; AND

23 (2) BOTH FEET OF THE PASSENGER FIRMLY SIT ON THE PASSENGER
24 FOOTRESTS OF THE VEHICLE.

25 (c) A person other than the operator of a motorcycle may not ride on a
26 motorcycle unless the motorcycle is designed to carry more than one person, in which
27 event a passenger may ride on the permanent and regular seat, if designed for 2

1 persons, or on another seat firmly attached to the motorcycle at the rear or side of the
2 operator.

3 (d) A person may ride on a motorcycle only while sitting astride the seat,
4 facing forward, with one leg on each side of the motorcycle.

5 (e) A person may not operate a motorcycle while carrying any package,
6 bundle, or other article that prevents him from keeping both hands on the
7 handlebars.

8 (f) The operator of a motorcycle may not carry any person in a position that
9 interferes with the operation or control of the motorcycle or the view of the operator.

10 (g) A person other than the operator of a motorcycle may not ride in a position
11 that interferes with the operation or control of the motorcycle or the view of the
12 operator.

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
14 October 1, 2001.