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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - Moped - Definition**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the definition of "moped"; making conforming changes;
4 and generally relating to mopeds.

5 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
6 Article - Transportation
7 Section 11-134.1, 11-135, 16-101(b), and 16-104.2(d)
8 Annotated Code of Maryland
9 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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

12 **Article - Transportation**

13 11-134.1.

14 "Moped" means a [bicycle] PEDAL OR NONPEDAL VEHICLE that:

15 (1) [Is designed to be operated by human power with the assistance of a
16 motor;

17 (2) Is equipped with pedals that mechanically drive the rear wheel or
18 wheels;

19 (3) Has two [or three] wheels, of which one is [more than 14] 10 inches
20 OR MORE in diameter; [and

21 (4) (2) Has a motor [with]:

22 (I) WITH a rating of [1.5] 2.7 brake horsepower or less [and, if]; OR

23 (II) IF the motor is an internal combustion engine, WITH a capacity
24 of [50] 55 cubic centimeters piston displacement or less; AND

1 (3) HAS A MAXIMUM SPEED OF 30 MILES PER HOUR.

2 11-135.

3 (a) "Motor vehicle" means, except as provided in subsection (b) of this section,
4 a vehicle that:

5 (1) Is self-propelled or propelled by electric power obtained from
6 overhead electrical wires; and

7 (2) Is not operated on rails.

8 (b) "Motor vehicle" does not include a [bicycle that is equipped with an
9 assisting motor, as described] MOPED, AS DEFINED in § 11-134.1 of this subtitle.

10 16-101.

11 (b) Each individual operating on any highway in this State a [bicycle that is
12 equipped with an assisting motor, as described] MOPED, AS DEFINED in § 11-134.1 of
13 this article, shall have with him:

14 (1) A driver's license issued to him under this title, which license may be
15 of any class issued by the Administration;

16 (2) If he is a nonresident of this State, a license to drive issued to him by
17 the state or country of his residence, which license may be for any class of vehicle; or

18 (3) A moped operator's permit issued to him under this subtitle.

19 16-104.2.

20 (d) (1) A permit is not valid unless the applicant signs his name on it in his
21 usual signature.

22 (2) When issued and signed, a moped operator's permit only authorizes
23 its holder to operate a [bicycle that is equipped with an assisting motor, as described]
24 MOPED, AS DEFINED in § 11-134.1 of this article.

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