

SENATE BILL 17

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ENROLLED BILL

-- Judicial Proceedings/Commerce and Government Matters --

Introduced by ~~Senators Hollinger and Haines~~, Haines, Forehand, and Ferguson

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this  
\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock, \_\_\_\_ M.

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President.

CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Scooters and In-Line Roller Skating Skates - Protective Helmets and**  
3 **Headgear**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting ~~a person~~ an individual under a certain age from  
5 riding in certain places on certain scooters or in-line skates unless the ~~person~~  
6 individual wears a helmet ~~or protective headgear~~ that meets or exceeds certain  
7 standards; providing for the issuance of a certain warning; and generally  
8 relating to the ~~use~~ operation of scooters or in-line skates ~~by certain persons~~.

9 BY adding to  
10 Article - Transportation  
11 Section 11-154.1 and 21-1207.2  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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

3 **Article - Transportation**

4 ~~21-1207.2.~~

5 ~~(A) IN THIS SECTION,~~

6 ~~11-154.1.~~

7 "SCOOTER" MEANS A TWO-WHEELED VEHICLE THAT:

8 (1) ~~HAS TWO WHEELS AND HANDLEBARS; AND~~

9 (2) ~~IS DESIGNED TO BE OPERATED:~~

10 ~~(I) BY A SEATED RIDER; OR~~

11 ~~(II) BY A RIDER STANDING ON A LOW FOOTBOARD BETWEEN THE~~  
12 ~~TWO WHEELS; AND~~

13 ~~(3) IS PROPELLED BY:~~

14 ~~(I) AN ELECTRIC OR GASOLINE MOTOR; OR~~

15 ~~(II) THE RIDER PUSHING ONE FOOT AGAINST THE GROUND WHILE~~  
16 ~~RESTING THE OTHER FOOT ON THE FOOTBOARD.~~

17 ~~(B) A PERSON STOOD ON BY THE OPERATOR.~~

18 ~~21-1207.2.~~

19 (A) AN INDIVIDUAL UNDER THE AGE OF 16 YEARS MAY NOT RIDE ON A  
20 SCOOTER OR ON IN-LINE SKATES ON ANY HIGHWAY, BICYCLE WAY, SIDEWALK, OR  
21 OTHER PROPERTY OPEN TO THE PUBLIC OR USED BY THE PUBLIC FOR PEDESTRIAN  
22 OR VEHICULAR TRAFFIC, UNLESS THE PERSON INDIVIDUAL IS WEARING A HELMET  
23 THAT MEETS OR EXCEEDS THE STANDARDS OF THE AMERICAN NATIONAL  
24 STANDARDS INSTITUTE, THE SNELL MEMORIAL ~~FOUNDATION'S STANDARD, OR THE~~  
25 ~~STANDARDS OF FOUNDATION, OR~~ THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF TESTING AND  
26 MEASUREMENTS FOR PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR FOR USE IN BICYCLING OR IN-LINE  
27 SKATING.

28 ~~(B)~~ ~~(C)~~ (B) THIS SECTION SHALL BE ENFORCED BY THE ISSUANCE OF A  
29 WARNING THAT INFORMS THE OFFENDER OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION  
30 AND PROVIDES EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS ABOUT HELMET USE.

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

