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By: ~~Senators Hollinger and Haines~~, Haines, Forehand, and Ferguson

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

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

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

16 **Article - Transportation**

17 21-1207.2.

18 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "SCOOTER" MEANS A VEHICLE THAT:

19 (1) HAS TWO WHEELS AND HANDLEBARS;

20 (2) IS DESIGNED TO BE OPERATED:

- 1 (I) BY A SEATED RIDER; OR
- 2 (II) BY A RIDER STANDING ON A LOW FOOTBOARD BETWEEN THE
3 TWO WHEELS; AND
- 4 (3) IS PROPELLED BY:
- 5 (I) AN ELECTRIC OR GASOLINE MOTOR; OR
- 6 (II) THE RIDER PUSHING ONE FOOT AGAINST THE GROUND WHILE
7 RESTING THE OTHER FOOT ON THE FOOTBOARD.
- 8 (B) A PERSON UNDER THE AGE OF 16 YEARS MAY NOT RIDE ON A SCOOTER OR
9 ON IN-LINE SKATES ON ANY HIGHWAY, BICYCLE WAY, SIDEWALK, OR OTHER
10 PROPERTY OPEN TO THE PUBLIC OR USED BY THE PUBLIC FOR PEDESTRIAN OR
11 VEHICULAR TRAFFIC, UNLESS THE PERSON IS WEARING A HELMET THAT MEETS OR
12 EXCEEDS THE STANDARDS OF THE AMERICAN NATIONAL STANDARDS INSTITUTE,
13 THE SNELL MEMORIAL FOUNDATION'S STANDARD, OR THE STANDARDS OF THE
14 AMERICAN SOCIETY OF TESTING AND MEASUREMENTS FOR PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR
15 FOR USE IN BICYCLING OR IN-LINE SKATING.
- 16 ~~(B)~~ (C) THIS SECTION SHALL BE ENFORCED BY THE ISSUANCE OF A
17 WARNING THAT INFORMS THE OFFENDER OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION
18 AND PROVIDES EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS ABOUT HELMET USE.

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