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By: **Delegates Kelly, Boteler, Edwards, and Myers**  
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - Pedestrian Right-of-Way - Crosswalks**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring a vehicle to stop when a pedestrian crossing a roadway  
4 is in any part of a crosswalk; and generally relating to pedestrian right-of-way  
5 and crosswalks.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
7 Article - Transportation  
8 Section 21-502  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (2002 Replacement Volume)

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

13 **Article - Transportation**

14 21-502.

15 (a) (1) This subsection does not apply where:

16 (i) A pedestrian tunnel or overhead pedestrian crossing is  
17 provided, as described in § 21-503(b) of this subtitle; or

18 (ii) A traffic control signal is in operation.

19 (2) The driver of a vehicle shall come to a stop when a pedestrian  
20 crossing the roadway IS in a crosswalk[ is:

21 (i) On the half of the roadway on which the vehicle is traveling; or

22 (ii) Approaching so closely from the other half of the roadway as to  
23 be in danger].

1 (b) A pedestrian may not suddenly leave a curb or other place of safety and  
2 walk or run into the path of a vehicle which is so close that it is impossible for the  
3 driver to yield.

4 (c) If, at a marked crosswalk or at an unmarked crosswalk at an intersection,  
5 a vehicle is stopped to let a pedestrian cross the roadway, the driver of any other  
6 vehicle approaching from the rear may not overtake and pass the stopped vehicle.

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
8 October 1, 2003.