
By: **Delegate McComas**

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Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Motor Vehicles - Operation on Sidewalks and Public Land**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from operating a motor vehicle on certain
4 public land; authorizing a person to operate an off-road vehicle on certain public
5 land if authorized under certain regulations; authorizing a person to operate an
6 electric personal assistive mobility device (EPAMD) on a sidewalk under certain
7 circumstances; providing for the construction of a certain provision of this Act;
8 and generally relating to the operation of motor vehicles on sidewalks and public
9 land.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article - Transportation
12 Section 21-1103
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2002 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

15 BY adding to
16 Article - Transportation
17 Section 21-1103.1
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2002 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

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

22 **Article - Transportation**

23 21-1103.

24 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), (c), or (d) of this section, a person may
25 not drive any vehicle on a sidewalk or sidewalk area unless it is a permanent or
26 authorized temporary driveway.

27 (b) (1) For purposes of this subsection, "bicycle" does not include A "moped",
28 as defined in § 11-134.1 of this article.

1 (2) Where permitted by local ordinance, a person may ride a bicycle, play
2 vehicle, EPAMD, or NONMOTORIZED unicycle on a sidewalk or sidewalk area.

3 (c) Unless prohibited by local ordinance, an individual with a disability may
4 use a special vehicle other than a wheelchair on sidewalks or sidewalk areas.

5 (d) An individual may use a wheelchair on sidewalks or sidewalk areas in
6 accordance with § 21-501.1 of this title.

7 21-1103.1.

8 (A) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, A PERSON
9 MAY NOT OPERATE A MOTOR VEHICLE ON ANY PUBLIC LAND UNLESS THE MOTOR
10 VEHICLE IS BEING OPERATED ON A HIGHWAY.

11 (B) A PERSON MAY OPERATE AN OFF-ROAD VEHICLE ON PUBLIC LAND THAT
12 IS NOT A HIGHWAY IF AUTHORIZED BY REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER § 5-209 OF
13 THE NATURAL RESOURCES ARTICLE.

14 (C) THIS SECTION MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO AUTHORIZE THE OPERATION
15 ON A HIGHWAY OF A MOTOR VEHICLE THAT IS OTHERWISE PROHIBITED FROM BEING
16 OPERATED ON A HIGHWAY.

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
18 October 1, 2005.