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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - Bicycles and Motor Scooters - Exceptions to Requirement to**  
3 **Stay Right**

4 FOR the purpose of creating certain additional exceptions to the requirement that a  
5 person operating a bicycle or motor scooter stay as near to the right of the  
6 roadway as is safe and practical; establishing that the requirement to stay to the  
7 right only applies to a bicycle or motor scooter that is traveling at a speed less  
8 than the ~~normal~~ speed of traffic under certain circumstances; and generally  
9 relating to the requirement to stay as near to the right of the roadway as is safe  
10 and practical while operating a bicycle or motor scooter.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
12 Article - Transportation  
13 Section 21-1205  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2002 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

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

18 **Article - Transportation**

19 21-1205.

20 (a) Each person operating a bicycle or a motor scooter AT A SPEED LESS THAN  
21 ~~THE NORMAL~~ SPEED OF TRAFFIC AT THE TIME AND PLACE AND UNDER THE

1 CONDITIONS THEN EXISTING on a roadway shall ride as near to the right side of the  
2 roadway as practicable and safe, except when [making]:

3 (1) MAKING or attempting to make a left turn[, when operating];

4 (2) OPERATING on a one-way street[, or when passing];

5 (3) PASSING a stopped or slower moving vehicle;

6 (4) AVOIDING PEDESTRIANS OR ROAD HAZARDS;

7 (5) ~~APPROACHING A LOCATION WHERE A RIGHT TURN IS AUTHORIZED~~  
8 THE RIGHT LANE IS A RIGHT TURN ONLY LANE; OR

9 (6) OPERATING IN A LANE THAT IS TOO NARROW FOR A BICYCLE OR  
10 MOTOR SCOOTER AND ~~A~~ ANOTHER VEHICLE TO TRAVEL SAFELY SIDE BY SIDE  
11 WITHIN THE LANE.

12 (b) Each person operating a bicycle or a motor scooter on a roadway may ride  
13 two abreast only if the flow of traffic is unimpeded.

14 (c) Each person operating a bicycle or a motor scooter on a roadway shall  
15 exercise due care when passing a vehicle.

16 (d) Each person operating a bicycle or a motor scooter on a roadway may walk  
17 the bicycle or motor scooter on the right side of a highway if there is no sidewalk.

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