

HOUSE BILL 718

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By: **Delegate McKee**

Introduced and read first time: February 8, 2007

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – Skateboards – Protective Helmets**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting an individual under a certain age from riding in
4 certain places on a skateboard unless the individual wears a helmet that meets
5 or exceeds certain standards; providing for the issuance of a certain warning;
6 and generally relating to the use of skateboards.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article – Transportation
9 Section 21–1207.2
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Transportation**

15 21–1207.2.

16 (a) An individual under the age of 16 years may not ride on a [scooter or on]
17 **SCOOTER, A SKATEBOARD, OR** in–line skates on any highway, bicycle way, sidewalk,
18 or other property open to the public or used by the public for pedestrian or vehicular
19 traffic, unless the individual is wearing a helmet that meets or exceeds the standards
20 of the American National Standards Institute, the Snell Memorial Foundation, or the

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 American Society of Testing and Measurements for protective headgear for use in
2 bicycling, **RIDING A SKATEBOARD**, or in-line skating.

3 (b) This section shall be enforced by the issuance of a warning that informs
4 the offender of the requirements of this section and provides educational materials
5 about helmet use.

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
7 October 1, 2007.