

SENATE BILL 465

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By: **Senators Pugh, Colburn, Exum, Forehand, Middleton, Munson, Pinsky, Raskin, and Robey**

Introduced and read first time: February 2, 2007

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - Motorized Wheelchairs and Scooters - Guidelines**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to develop and
4 update, on or before a certain date and in consultation with certain community
5 organizations for individuals with disabilities, guidelines for the appropriate
6 use on streets of motor-driven wheelchairs, scooters, and other devices designed
7 to provide mobility assistance for individuals with disabilities; requiring the
8 Administration to provide for the distribution of the guidelines, including
9 distribution through certain community organizations; and generally relating to
10 the development, updating, and distribution of guidelines relating to the
11 appropriate use of certain wheelchairs, scooters, and other devices on streets.

12 BY adding to

13 Article - Transportation

14 Section 21-107

15 Annotated Code of Maryland

16 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

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

19 **Article - Transportation**

20 **21-107.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(A) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2007, THE ADMINISTRATION, IN**
2 **CONSULTATION WITH ONE OR MORE COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS FOR**
3 **INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES, SHALL DEVELOP GUIDELINES FOR THE**
4 **APPROPRIATE USE ON STREETS OF DEVICES DESIGNED TO PROVIDE MOBILITY**
5 **ASSISTANCE FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH A DISABILITY, INCLUDING MOTOR-DRIVEN**
6 **WHEELCHAIRS AND SCOOTERS.**

7 **(B) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1 OF EACH YEAR, IN CONSULTATION**
8 **WITH ORGANIZATIONS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, THE**
9 **ADMINISTRATION SHALL UPDATE THE GUIDELINES DEVELOPED UNDER**
10 **SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION.**

11 **(C) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL PROVIDE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF**
12 **THE GUIDELINES ADOPTED AND UPDATED UNDER THIS SECTION, INCLUDING**
13 **DISTRIBUTION THROUGH COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH**
14 **DISABILITIES.**

15 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect**
16 **October 1, 2007.**