

HOUSE BILL 530

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By: **Delegate Malone**

Introduced and read first time: January 29, 2014

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – Bicycles and Motor Scooters – Operation on Roadways**

3 FOR the purpose of creating an exception to the prohibition against a person operating
4 a bicycle or a motor scooter on a roadway where the posted maximum speed
5 limit exceeds a certain speed; authorizing a person who is lawfully operating a
6 bicycle or a motor scooter on a shoulder adjacent to a roadway for which the
7 posted maximum speed limit exceeds a certain speed to enter the roadway only
8 if making or attempting to make a left turn, if crossing through an intersection,
9 or if the shoulder is overlaid with certain directional markings; and generally
10 relating to the operation of bicycles and motor scooters on roadways.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article – Transportation
13 Section 21–1205.1(a)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2013 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 21–1205.1.

20 (a) **(1)** Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, a person may not
21 ride a bicycle or a motor scooter:

22 **[(1)] (1) [On] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS**
23 **SUBSECTION, ON** any roadway where the posted maximum speed limit is more than
24 50 miles an hour; or

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 ~~[(2)]~~ (II) On any expressway, except on an adjacent bicycle path or
2 way approved by the State Highway Administration, or on any other controlled access
3 highway signed in accordance with § 21-313 of this title.

4 (2) IF A PERSON IS LAWFULLY OPERATING A BICYCLE OR A
5 MOTOR SCOOTER ON A SHOULDER ADJACENT TO A ROADWAY FOR WHICH THE
6 POSTED MAXIMUM SPEED LIMIT IS MORE THAN 50 MILES AN HOUR, THE PERSON
7 MAY ENTER THE ROADWAY ONLY IF:

8 (I) MAKING OR ATTEMPTING TO MAKE A LEFT TURN;

9 (II) CROSSING THROUGH AN INTERSECTION; OR

10 (III) THE SHOULDER IS OVERLAID WITH A RIGHT TURN
11 LANE, A MERGE LANE, A BYPASS LANE, OR ANY OTHER MARKING THAT BREAKS
12 THE CONTINUITY OF THE SHOULDER.

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
14 October 1, 2014.