

## Chapter 514

(Senate Bill 520)

AN ACT concerning

### Vehicle Laws – Bicycles and Motor Scooters – Operation on Roadways

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

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – Transportation  
Section 21–1205.1(a)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

#### Article – Transportation

21–1205.1.

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

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

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

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

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

**(II) CROSSING THROUGH AN INTERSECTION; OR**

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

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

**Approved by the Governor, May 15, 2014.**