

# HOUSE BILL 688

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By: **Delegate Lam**

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – Electric Personal Assistive Mobility Device – Definition**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the definition of “electric personal assistive mobility device” to  
4 require that the device have a certain steering mechanism and a certain platform on  
5 which the rider stands; and generally relating to electric personal assistive mobility  
6 devices.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
8 Article – Transportation  
9 Section 21–101(a), 21–501.1(a), and 21–1201(c)  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
13 Article – Transportation  
14 Section 21–101(j)  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

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

19 **Article – Transportation**

20 21–101.

21 (a) In this title and Title 25 of this article the following words have the meanings  
22 indicated.

23 (j) “Electric personal assistive mobility device” or “EPAMD” means a pedestrian  
24 device that:

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (1) Has two nontandem wheels;

2 (2) Is self-balancing;

3 (3) Is powered by an electric propulsion system;

4 (4) **HAS ONE VERTICAL OR CENTER CONTROL BAR OR MECHANISM**  
5 **THAT RESPONDS TO PRESSURE FROM THE HANDS OR LEGS OF THE RIDER TO STEER**  
6 **THE DEVICE;**

7 (5) **HAS A NONARTICULATING PLATFORM ON WHICH THE RIDER**  
8 **STANDS;**

9 [(4)] (6) Has a maximum speed capability of 15 miles per hour; and

10 [(5)] (7) Is designed to transport one person.

11 21-501.1.

12 (a) At an intersection, a person using an EPAMD is subject to all traffic control  
13 signals, as provided in §§ 21-202 and 21-203 of this title. However, at any other place, a  
14 person using an EPAMD has the rights and is subject to the restrictions applicable to  
15 pedestrians under this title.

16 21-1201.

17 (c) With the exceptions stated in this subtitle, the provisions of this subtitle that  
18 are applicable to bicycles apply whenever a bicycle, an EPAMD, or a motor scooter is  
19 operated on any highway or whenever a bicycle or an EPAMD is operated on any path set  
20 aside for the exclusive use of bicycles.

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
22 October 1, 2016.