

HOUSE BILL 527

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By: **Delegates Kramer, Carr, Barkley, Chang, Cullison, Fraser–Hidalgo, Gutierrez, C. Howard, Jackson, Korman, Krimm, Morales, Morhaim, and Valentino–Smith**

Introduced and read first time: January 30, 2017

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – Bicycles – Use of Crosswalks**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a person to ride a bicycle in or through a crosswalk in a
4 place where a person may not lawfully ride a bicycle on a sidewalk or sidewalk area;
5 providing that a person riding a bicycle in or through a crosswalk is subject to certain
6 traffic control signals; prohibiting a person riding a bicycle in or through a crosswalk
7 from suddenly leaving the curb or other place of safety and moving into the path of
8 a certain vehicle in a certain manner; requiring the driver of a vehicle to come to a
9 stop for a bicycle crossing the roadway in a crosswalk under certain circumstances;
10 prohibiting the driver of a certain vehicle from overtaking or passing a vehicle that
11 is stopped to let a bicycle cross the roadway at a certain crosswalk; defining a certain
12 term; making a stylistic change; and generally relating to the use of crosswalks by
13 bicycles.

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
15 Article – Transportation
16 Section 21–1103
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

19 BY adding to
20 Article – Transportation
21 Section 21–1103.1
22 Annotated Code of Maryland
23 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



Article – Transportation

21-1103.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b), (c), or (d) of this section, a person may not drive any vehicle on a sidewalk or sidewalk area unless it is a permanent or authorized temporary driveway.

(b) (1) For the purposes of this subsection, “bicycle” does not include [“moped”, as defined in § 11-134.1 of this article] **A MOPED.**

(2) Where allowed by local ordinance, a person may ride a bicycle, play vehicle, or unicycle on a sidewalk or sidewalk area.

[(3) In a place where a person may ride a bicycle on a sidewalk or sidewalk area, a person may also ride a bicycle from the curb or edge of the roadway in or through a crosswalk to the opposite curb or edge of the roadway.]

(c) Unless prohibited by local ordinance, an individual with a disability may use a special vehicle other than a wheelchair on sidewalks or sidewalk areas.

(d) An individual may use a wheelchair on sidewalks or sidewalk areas in accordance with § 21-501.1 of this title.

21-1103.1.

(A) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, “BICYCLE” DOES NOT INCLUDE A MOPED.

(B) A PERSON MAY RIDE A BICYCLE FROM THE CURB OR EDGE OF A ROADWAY IN OR THROUGH THE CROSSWALK TO THE OPPOSITE CURB OR EDGE OF THE ROADWAY.

(C) A PERSON RIDING A BICYCLE IN OR THROUGH A CROSSWALK:

(1) IS SUBJECT TO ALL TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS, AS PROVIDED IN §§ 21-202 AND 21-203 OF THIS TITLE; AND

(2) MAY NOT SUDDENLY LEAVE THE CURB OR OTHER PLACE OF SAFETY AND MOVE INTO THE PATH OF A VEHICLE THAT IS SO CLOSE THAT IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE DRIVER TO YIELD.

(D) (1) THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY WHERE:

1 **(I) A PEDESTRIAN TUNNEL OR OVERHEAD PEDESTRIAN**
2 **CROSSING IS PROVIDED, AS DESCRIBED IN § 21-503(B) OF THIS TITLE; OR**

3 **(II) A TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL IS IN OPERATION.**

4 **(2) THE DRIVER OF A VEHICLE SHALL COME TO A STOP WHEN A**
5 **BICYCLE CROSSING THE ROADWAY IN A CROSSWALK IS:**

6 **(I) ON THE HALF OF THE ROADWAY ON WHICH THE VEHICLE IS**
7 **TRAVELING; OR**

8 **(II) APPROACHING FROM AN ADJACENT LANE ON THE OTHER**
9 **HALF OF THE ROADWAY.**

10 **(E) IF, AT A MARKED CROSSWALK OR AN UNMARKED CROSSWALK AT AN**
11 **INTERSECTION, A VEHICLE IS STOPPED TO LET A BICYCLE CROSS THE ROADWAY,**
12 **THE DRIVER OF ANY OTHER VEHICLE APPROACHING FROM THE REAR MAY NOT**
13 **OVERTAKE AND PASS THE STOPPED VEHICLE.**

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
15 October 1, 2017.