

HOUSE BILL 1243

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

House action: Adopted

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Motor and Electric Scooter Sharing Companies – Nonvisual Access**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring that motor scooter sharing companies include on each motor
4 scooter ~~a~~ or electric low speed scooter made available to the public an embossed
5 tactile phone number through which certain individuals may contact the company;
6 requiring that motor or electric scooter sharing companies provide certain
7 individuals with certain nonvisual access that is consistent with certain federal
8 standards; defining certain terms; and generally relating to nonvisual access for
9 motor and electric scooter sharing companies.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

11 Article – Transportation

12 Section 11–134.5

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

15 BY adding to

16 Article – Transportation

17 Section 18.7–101 and 18.7–102 to be under the new title “Title 18.7. Motor and
18 Electric Scooter Sharing Companies”

19 Annotated Code of Maryland

20 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



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

3 **Article – Transportation**

4 11–134.5.

5 (a) “Motor scooter” means a nonpedal vehicle that:

6 (1) Has a seat for the operator;

7 (2) Has two wheels, of which one is 10 inches or more in diameter;

8 (3) Has a step–through chassis;

9 (4) Has a motor:

10 (i) With a rating of 2.7 brake horsepower or less; or

11 (ii) If the motor is an internal combustion engine, with a capacity of
12 50 cubic centimeters piston displacement or less; and

13 (5) Is equipped with an automatic transmission.

14 (b) “Motor scooter” does not include a vehicle that has been manufactured for
15 off–road use, including a motorcycle and an all–terrain vehicle.

16 **TITLE 18.7. MOTOR AND ELECTRIC SCOOTER SHARING COMPANIES.**

17 **18.7–101.**

18 (A) IN THIS TITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
19 INDICATED.

20 (B) “**MOTOR OR ELECTRIC SCOOTER SHARING COMPANY**” MEANS A PERSON
21 THAT MAKES MOTOR SCOOTERS OR ELECTRIC LOW SPEED SCOOTERS AVAILABLE TO
22 THE PUBLIC FOR LEASE ON A SHORT–TERM BASIS.

23 (C) “**NONVISUAL ACCESS**” MEANS THE ABILITY THROUGH KEYBOARD
24 CONTROL, SYNTHESIZED SPEECH, OR OTHER METHODS NOT REQUIRING SIGHT TO
25 RECEIVE, USE, AND MANIPULATE INFORMATION AND OPERATE CONTROLS
26 NECESSARY TO ACCESS INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY.

27 **18.7–102.**

1 **(A) A MOTOR OR ELECTRIC SCOOTER SHARING COMPANY SHALL INCLUDE**
2 **ON EACH MOTOR SCOOTER ~~OR~~ OR ELECTRIC LOW SPEED SCOOTER MADE AVAILABLE**
3 **TO THE PUBLIC AN EMBOSSED TACTILE PHONE NUMBER THROUGH WHICH AN**
4 **INDIVIDUAL WHO IS BLIND OR HAS A VISUAL IMPAIRMENT MAY CONTACT THE**
5 **COMPANY.**

6 **(B) A MOTOR OR ELECTRIC SCOOTER SHARING COMPANY SHALL PROVIDE**
7 **INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES NONVISUAL ACCESS TO ITS WEBSITE AND MOBILE**
8 **APPLICATION IN A WAY THAT:**

9 **(1) PROVIDES FULL AND EQUAL ACCESSIBILITY TO THE INDIVIDUAL**
10 **WITH DISABILITIES SO THAT THE INDIVIDUAL IS ABLE TO ACQUIRE THE SAME**
11 **INFORMATION, ENGAGE IN THE SAME INTERACTIONS, AND ENJOY THE SAME**
12 **SERVICES AS USERS WITHOUT DISABILITIES, WITH SUBSTANTIALLY EQUIVALENT**
13 **EASE OF USE; AND**

14 **(2) IS CONSISTENT WITH THE STANDARDS OF § 508 OF THE FEDERAL**
15 **REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973.**

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
17 October 1, 2019.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.