

HOUSE BILL 1153

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By: **Delegates D. Jones, Carr, and Palakovich Carr**

Introduced and read first time: February 11, 2022

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – Bicycles, Play Vehicles, and Unicycles – Riding on Sidewalks**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a person to ride a bicycle, play vehicle, or unicycle on a
4 sidewalk or sidewalk area unless prohibited by local ordinance; and generally
5 relating to riding bicycles, play vehicles, and unicycles on sidewalks.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
7 Article – Transportation
8 Section 21–1103(a) and 21–1202(b)
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article – Transportation
13 Section 21–1103(b)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – Transportation**

19 21–1103.

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

23 (b) (1) For the purposes of this subsection, “bicycle” does not include “moped”,
24 as defined in § 11–134.1 of this article.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) [Where allowed] **UNLESS PROHIBITED** by local ordinance, a person
2 may ride a bicycle, play vehicle, or unicycle on a sidewalk or sidewalk area.

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

6 21–1202.

7 (b) (1) Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3) of this subsection, a person has the
8 rights and is subject to the restrictions applicable to pedestrians under this title while the
9 person is lawfully operating a bicycle, play vehicle, or unicycle:

10 (i) On a sidewalk or sidewalk area; or

11 (ii) In or through a crosswalk.

12 (2) At an intersection, a person operating a bicycle, play vehicle, or unicycle
13 is subject to all traffic control signals, as provided in §§ 21–202 and 21–203 of this title.

14 (3) Section 21–506 of this title does not apply to a person operating a
15 bicycle, play vehicle, or unicycle.

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
17 October 1, 2022.