## **HOUSE BILL 111**

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By: Delegate D. Jones

Requested: September 25, 2023

Introduced and read first time: January 10, 2024 Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

## 2 Bicycles, Play Vehicles, and Unicycles - Authorizations and Requirements

- FOR the purpose of authorizing a person to ride a bicycle, play vehicle, or unicycle on a sidewalk or sidewalk area unless prohibited by local ordinance; requiring a person riding a bicycle, play vehicle, or unicycle on a sidewalk or sidewalk area or in or through a crosswalk to yield the right—of—way to a pedestrian or a person riding on an electric personal assistive mobility device; and generally relating to riding bicycles, play vehicles, and unicycles.
- 9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
- 10 Article Transportation
- 11 Section 21–1103(a)
- 12 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 13 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)
- 14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 15 Article Transportation
- 16 Section 21–1103(b) and 21–1202(b)
- 17 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 18 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)
- 19 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
- 20 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

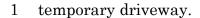
## 21 Article – Transportation

- 22 21–1103.
- 23 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), (c), or (d) of this section, a person may 24 not drive any vehicle on a sidewalk or sidewalk area unless it is a permanent or authorized

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.





- 2 (b) (1) For the purposes of this subsection, "bicycle" does not include "moped", 3 as defined in § 11–134.1 of this article.
- 4 (2) [Where allowed] UNLESS PROHIBITED by local ordinance, a person 5 may ride a bicycle, play vehicle, or unicycle on a sidewalk or sidewalk area.
- 6 (3) In a place where a person may ride a bicycle on a sidewalk or sidewalk 7 area, a person may also ride a bicycle from the curb or edge of the roadway in or through a 8 crosswalk to the opposite curb or edge of the roadway.
- 9 21-1202.
- 10 (b) (1) Subject to paragraphs (2) [and], (3), AND (4) of this subsection, a 11 person has the rights and is subject to the restrictions applicable to pedestrians under this 12 title while the person is lawfully operating a bicycle, play vehicle, or unicycle:
- 13 (i) On a sidewalk or sidewalk area; or
- 14 (ii) In or through a crosswalk.
- 15 (2) At an intersection, a person operating a bicycle, play vehicle, or unicycle 16 is subject to all traffic control signals, as provided in §§ 21–202 and 21–203 of this title.
- 17 (3) A PERSON OPERATING A BICYCLE, PLAY VEHICLE, OR UNICYCLE
  18 ON A SIDEWALK OR SIDEWALK AREA OR IN OR THROUGH A CROSSWALK SHALL YIELD
  19 THE RIGHT-OF-WAY TO A PEDESTRIAN OR A PERSON RIDING ON AN ELECTRIC
  20 PERSONAL ASSISTIVE MOBILITY DEVICE.
- 21 **[**(3)**] (4)** Section 21–506 of this title does not apply to a person operating 22 a bicycle, play vehicle, or unicycle.
- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2024.