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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Bicycles, Play Vehicles, and Unicycles – Authorizations and Requirements**
3 **(Jay’s Law)**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing a person to ride a bicycle, play vehicle, or unicycle on a
5 sidewalk or sidewalk area unless prohibited by local ordinance; requiring a person
6 riding a bicycle, play vehicle, or unicycle on a sidewalk or sidewalk area or in or
7 through a crosswalk to yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian or a person riding on
8 an electric personal assistive mobility device; and generally relating to riding
9 bicycles, play vehicles, and unicycles.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
11 Article – Transportation
12 Section 21–1103(a)
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
16 Article – Transportation
17 Section 21–1103(b) and 21–1202(b)
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

20 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

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 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

2 **Article – Transportation**

3 21–1103.

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

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

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

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

14 21–1202.

15 (b) (1) Subject to paragraphs (2) [and], (3), **AND (4)** of this subsection, a
16 person has the rights and is subject to the restrictions applicable to pedestrians under this
17 title while the person is lawfully operating a bicycle, play vehicle, or unicycle:

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

19 (ii) In or through a crosswalk.

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

22 **(3) A PERSON OPERATING A BICYCLE, PLAY VEHICLE, OR UNICYCLE**
23 **ON A SIDEWALK OR SIDEWALK AREA OR IN OR THROUGH A CROSSWALK SHALL YIELD**
24 **THE RIGHT-OF-WAY TO A PEDESTRIAN OR A PERSON RIDING ON AN ELECTRIC**
25 **PERSONAL ASSISTIVE MOBILITY DEVICE.**

26 **[(3)] (4)** Section 21–506 of this title does not apply to a person operating
27 a bicycle, play vehicle, or unicycle.

28 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED,** That this Act shall take effect
29 October 1, 2025.