

Chapter 558

(House Bill 375)

AN ACT concerning

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

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.

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

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

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

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.

(2) [Where allowed] **UNLESS PROHIBITED** 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.

21-1202.

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

(i) On a sidewalk or sidewalk area; or

(ii) In or through a crosswalk.

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

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

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

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

Approved by the Governor, May 13, 2025.