

# HOUSE BILL 591

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By: **Delegates Beauchamp, Adams, Arentz, Hartman, Hutchinson, and Sample-Hughes**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Wicomico County – Highway Pedestrian Safety Act**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person in Wicomico County from standing in a roadway,  
4 shoulder, median divide, or intersection determined by the county or a municipal  
5 corporation in the county in certain manners to be inherently dangerous; prohibiting  
6 a police officer from issuing a citation for a violation of this Act unless certain  
7 conditions are met; and generally relating to prohibiting standing in inherently  
8 dangerous roadways, shoulders, median dividers, or intersections in Wicomico  
9 County.

10 BY adding to  
11 Article – Transportation  
12 Section 21–507.1  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Transportation**

18 **21–507.1.**

19 **(A) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY IN WICOMICO COUNTY.**

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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 (B) IN THIS SECTION, "INHERENTLY DANGEROUS" MEANS POSING A  
2 SERIOUS RISK OF INJURY TO A PEDESTRIAN, A DRIVER OR PASSENGER IN A VEHICLE,  
3 OR OTHER PERSONS THAT CANNOT BE MITIGATED WITH THE EXERCISE OF  
4 ORDINARY CARE.

5 (C) (1) ~~A~~ SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A PERSON  
6 MAY NOT STAND IN A ROADWAY, SHOULDER, MEDIAN DIVIDER, OR INTERSECTION  
7 DETERMINED BY THE COUNTY OR A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION IN THE COUNTY TO  
8 BE INHERENTLY DANGEROUS.

9 (2) THE COUNTY OR A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION IN THE COUNTY  
10 SHALL MAKE A DETERMINATION ON WHETHER A STATE ROADWAY, SHOULDER,  
11 MEDIAN DIVIDER, OR INTERSECTION IS INHERENTLY DANGEROUS IN  
12 CONSULTATION WITH THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION.

13 (D) (1) A POLICE OFFICER MAY NOT ISSUE A CITATION FOR A VIOLATION  
14 OF THIS SECTION UNLESS:

15 ~~(1)~~ (I) THE INHERENTLY DANGEROUS ROADWAY, SHOULDER,  
16 MEDIAN DIVIDER, OR INTERSECTION HAS APPROPRIATE SIGNS INSTALLED BY THE  
17 COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION THAT NOTIFY THE PUBLIC THAT A PERSON  
18 MAY NOT STAND IN VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION; AND

19 ~~(2)~~ (II) THE SIGNS ARE INSTALLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE  
20 MANUAL AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR A UNIFORM SYSTEM OF TRAFFIC CONTROL  
21 DEVICES ADOPTED BY THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION UNDER § 25-104 OF  
22 THIS ARTICLE.

23 (2) ON A STATE HIGHWAY, THE COUNTY OR A MUNICIPAL  
24 CORPORATION IN THE COUNTY MAY INSTALL THE SIGNS REQUIRED UNDER  
25 PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION ONLY WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE STATE  
26 HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION.

27 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June  
28 1, 2026.