

Chapter 781

**(House Bill 591)**

AN ACT concerning

**Wicomico County – Highway Pedestrian Safety Act**

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

BY adding to

Article – Transportation

Section 21–507.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

**Article – Transportation**

**21–507.1.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Approved by the Governor, May 26, 2026.**