

HOUSE BILL 160

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By: **Delegate A. Miller**

Introduced and read first time: January 18, 2013

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Bicycles, Play Vehicles, and Unicycles – Riding on Sidewalks**

3 FOR the purpose of altering a certain restriction on riding a bicycle, play vehicle, or
4 unicycle on a sidewalk or sidewalk area; authorizing a person to ride a bicycle,
5 play vehicle, or unicycle on a sidewalk or sidewalk area unless prohibited by a
6 local ordinance; and generally relating to riding bicycles, play vehicles, and
7 unicycles on sidewalks.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article – Transportation
10 Section 21–1103
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2012 Replacement Volume)

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

15 **Article – Transportation**

16 21–1103.

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

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

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

4 (c) Unless prohibited by local ordinance, an individual with a disability may
5 use a special vehicle other than a wheelchair on sidewalks or sidewalk areas.

6 (d) An individual may use a wheelchair on sidewalks or sidewalk areas in
7 accordance with § 21-501.1 of this title.

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
9 October 1, 2013.