HOUSE BILL 748

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By: Delegate Fraser-Hidalgo

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Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

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CHAPTER

1 AN ACT concerning

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Vehicle Laws - Electric Low Speed Scooters

- 3 FOR the purpose of establishing that an electric low speed scooter is considered to be a bicycle for the purposes of the Maryland Vehicle Law; defining the term "electric low 4 speed scooter"; providing that an electric low speed scooter is not considered to be a 5 6 motorized minibike, a motor scooter, or a motor vehicle for the purposes of the 7 Maryland Vehicle Law; altering the defined term "scooter" by limiting the term to 8 nonmotorized vehicles; establishing that the operator of an electric low speed scooter 9 may ride by standing on a platform designed to carry the operator; and generally 10 relating to electric low speed scooters.
- 11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 12 Article Transportation
- 13 Section 11–104
- 14 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 15 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)
- 16 (As enacted by Chapter 294 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2014)
- 17 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 18 Article Transportation
- 19 Section 11–134.4(b), 11–134.5(b), 11–135(b), 11–154.1, and 21–1203
- 20 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 21 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

22 BY adding to

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

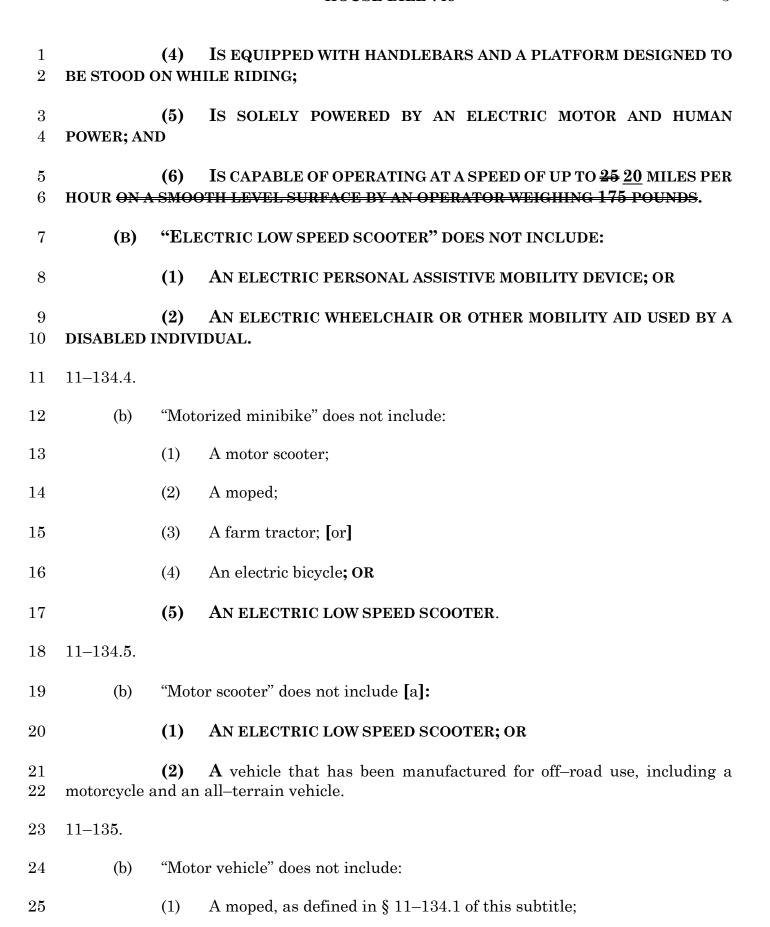
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

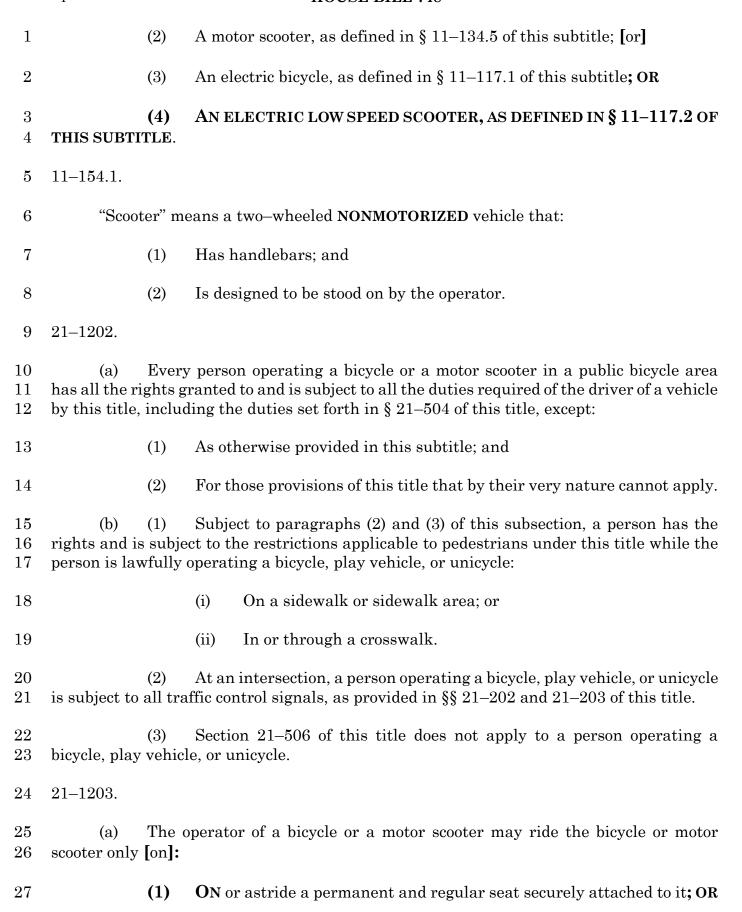
<u>Underlining</u> indicates amendments to bill.

Strike out indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



| 1 2 3 4 | Article – Transportation Section 11–117.2 Annotated Code of Maryland (2012 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement) | | | |
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| 5 6 7 8 9 | BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments, Article – Transportation Section 21–1202 and 25–102(a)(8) Annotated Code of Maryland (2012 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement) | | | |
| 10 11 | SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows: | | | |
| 12 | Article - Transportation | | | |
| 13 | 11–104. | | | |
| 14 | "Bicycle" means: | | | |
| 15 | (1) | A ve | hicle that: | |
| 16 | | (i) | Is designed to be operated by human power; | |
| 17 18 | diameter; and | (ii) | Has two or three wheels, of which one is more than 14 inches in | |
| 19 20 | a drive wheel; | (iii) | Has a drive mechanism other than by pedals directly attached to | |
| 21 | (2) | An e | lectric bicycle; [or] | |
| 22 | (3) | A mo | oped; OR | |
| 23 | (4) | An i | ELECTRIC LOW SPEED SCOOTER. | |
| 24 | 11–117.2. | | | |
| 25 | (A) "EL | ECTRI | C LOW SPEED SCOOTER" MEANS A VEHICLE THAT: | |
| 26 | (1) | Is D | ESIGNED TO TRANSPORT ONLY THE OPERATOR; | |
| 27 | (2) | WEI | GHS LESS THAN 100 POUNDS; | |
| 28 29 | (3) TWO WHEELS AT | | SINGLE WHEELS IN TANDEM OR A COMBINATION OF ONE OR FRONT AND REAR OF THE VEHICLE; | |





| 1 2 | (2) FOR AN ELECTRIC LOW SPEED SCOOTER, BY STANDING ON A PLATFORM DESIGNED TO CARRY THE OPERATOR. | | | |
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| 3 4 | (b) A bicycle may not carry any passenger unless it is designed for and equipped with a seat securely attached to it for each passenger. | | | |
| 5 6 | (c) A motor scooter may not carry any passenger unless it is designed for an equipped with a seat securely attached to it and footrests for each passenger. | | | |
| 7 | <u>25–102.</u> | | | |
| 8 9 10 | (a) The provisions of the Maryland Vehicle Law do not prevent a local authority in the reasonable exercise of its police power, from exercising the following powers as thighways under its jurisdiction: | | | |
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| 13 14 | SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2019. | | | |
| | Approved: | | | |
| | Governor. | | | |
| | Speaker of the House of Delegates. | | | |
| | President of the Senate. | | | |