

Chapter 392

(House Bill 250)

AN ACT concerning

Vehicle Laws – Definition of “Bicycle” – Mopeds

FOR the purpose of clarifying that a moped is a bicycle for the purposes of the Maryland Vehicle Law, subject to certain enumerated exceptions.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 11–104
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 11–134.1, 13–102(7), and 21–1103(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

Article – Transportation

11–104.

“Bicycle” means [a]:

(1) A vehicle that:

[(1)] (I) Is designed to be operated by human power;

[(2)] (II) Has two or three wheels, of which one is more than 14 inches in diameter; and

[(3)] (III) Has a drive mechanism other than by pedals directly attached to a drive wheel; OR

(2) A MOPED.

11–134.1.

“Moped” means a bicycle that:

- (1) Is designed to be operated by human power with the assistance of a motor;
- (2) Is equipped with pedals that mechanically drive the rear wheel or wheels;
- (3) Has two or three wheels, of which one is more than 14 inches in diameter; and
- (4) Has a motor with a rating of 1.5 brake horsepower or less and, if the motor is an internal combustion engine, a capacity of 50 cubic centimeters piston displacement or less.

13–102.

A certificate of title is not required for:

- (7) A bicycle, except for a moped;

21–1103.

(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 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.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2014.

Approved by the Governor, May 5, 2014.