

HOUSE BILL 250

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By: **Delegate McMillan**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – Definition of “Bicycle” – Mopeds**

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

5 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
6 Article – Transportation
7 Section 11–104
8 Annotated Code of Maryland
9 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
11 Article – Transportation
12 Section 11–134.1, 13–102(7), and 21–1103(b)
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Transportation**

18 11–104.

19 “Bicycle” means [a]:

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 **(1)** **A** vehicle that:

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

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

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

7 **(2)** **A MOPED.**

8 11–134.1.

9 “Moped” means a bicycle that:

10 (1) Is designed to be operated by human power with the assistance of a
11 motor;

12 (2) Is equipped with pedals that mechanically drive the rear wheel or
13 wheels;

14 (3) Has two or three wheels, of which one is more than 14 inches in
15 diameter; and

16 (4) Has a motor with a rating of 1.5 brake horsepower or less and, if
17 the motor is an internal combustion engine, a capacity of 50 cubic centimeters piston
18 displacement or less.

19 13–102.

20 A certificate of title is not required for:

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

22 21–1103.

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

25 (2) Where allowed by local ordinance, a person may ride a bicycle, play
26 vehicle, or unicycle on a sidewalk or sidewalk area.

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

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.