

HOUSE BILL 1243

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Motor Scooter Sharing Companies – Nonvisual Access**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring that motor scooter sharing companies include on each motor
4 scooter a tactile phone number through which certain individuals may contact the
5 company; requiring that motor scooter sharing companies provide certain
6 individuals with certain nonvisual access that is consistent with certain federal
7 standards; defining certain terms; and generally relating to nonvisual access for
8 motor scooter sharing companies.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
10 Article – Transportation
11 Section 11–134.5
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

14 BY adding to
15 Article – Transportation
16 Section 18.7–101 and 18.7–102 to be under the new title “Title 18.7. Motor Scooter
17 Sharing Companies”
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

22 **Article – Transportation**

23 11–134.5.

24 (a) “Motor scooter” means a nonpedal vehicle that:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1 (1) Has a seat for the operator;
- 2 (2) Has two wheels, of which one is 10 inches or more in diameter;
- 3 (3) Has a step-through chassis;
- 4 (4) Has a motor:
- 5 (i) With a rating of 2.7 brake horsepower or less; or
- 6 (ii) If the motor is an internal combustion engine, with a capacity of
- 7 50 cubic centimeters piston displacement or less; and
- 8 (5) Is equipped with an automatic transmission.
- 9 (b) "Motor scooter" does not include a vehicle that has been manufactured for
- 10 off-road use, including a motorcycle and an all-terrain vehicle.

11 **TITLE 18.7. MOTOR SCOOTER SHARING COMPANIES.**

12 **18.7-101.**

13 (A) IN THIS TITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS

14 INDICATED.

15 (B) "MOTOR SCOOTER SHARING COMPANY" MEANS A PERSON THAT MAKES

16 MOTOR SCOOTERS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC FOR LEASE ON A SHORT-TERM BASIS.

17 (C) "NONVISUAL ACCESS" MEANS THE ABILITY THROUGH KEYBOARD

18 CONTROL, SYNTHESIZED SPEECH, OR OTHER METHODS NOT REQUIRING SIGHT TO

19 RECEIVE, USE, AND MANIPULATE INFORMATION AND OPERATE CONTROLS

20 NECESSARY TO ACCESS INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY.

21 **18.7-102.**

22 (A) A MOTOR SCOOTER SHARING COMPANY SHALL INCLUDE ON EACH

23 MOTOR SCOOTER A TACTILE PHONE NUMBER THROUGH WHICH AN INDIVIDUAL WHO

24 IS BLIND OR HAS A VISUAL IMPAIRMENT MAY CONTACT THE COMPANY.

25 (B) A MOTOR SCOOTER SHARING COMPANY SHALL PROVIDE INDIVIDUALS

26 WITH DISABILITIES NONVISUAL ACCESS TO ITS WEBSITE AND MOBILE APPLICATION

27 IN A WAY THAT:

28 (1) PROVIDES FULL AND EQUAL ACCESSIBILITY TO THE INDIVIDUAL

29 WITH DISABILITIES SO THAT THE INDIVIDUAL IS ABLE TO ACQUIRE THE SAME

1 INFORMATION, ENGAGE IN THE SAME INTERACTIONS, AND ENJOY THE SAME
2 SERVICES AS USERS WITHOUT DISABILITIES, WITH SUBSTANTIALLY EQUIVALENT
3 EASE OF USE; AND

4 (2) IS CONSISTENT WITH THE STANDARDS OF § 508 OF THE FEDERAL
5 REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973.

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
7 October 1, 2019.