

# HOUSE BILL 178

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By: **Delegate Guyton**

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – Stopping, Standing, or Parking in a Bike Lane or Bicycle Path –**  
3 **Prohibition**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from stopping, standing, or parking a vehicle in a  
5 bike lane or bicycle path, subject to certain exceptions and a certain civil penalty;  
6 and generally relating to stopping, standing, or parking a vehicle in a bike lane or  
7 bicycle path.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
9 Article – Transportation  
10 Section 21–101(a), (c), and (e) and 21–1003(a)  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
14 Article – Transportation  
15 Section 21–1003(ff)  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

18 BY adding to  
19 Article – Transportation  
20 Section 21–1003(gg)  
21 Annotated Code of Maryland

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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.



(2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

**Article – Transportation**

21–101.

(a) In this title and Title 25 of this article the following words have the meanings indicated.

(c) “Bicycle path” means any travelway designed and designated by signing or signing and marking for bicycle use, located within its own right-of-way or in a shared right-of-way, and physically separated from motor vehicle traffic by berm, shoulder, curb, or other similar device.

(e) “Bike lane” means any portion of a roadway or shoulder designated for single directional bicycle flow.

21–1003.

(a) The provisions of this section apply except as necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with law or the directions of a police officer or traffic control device.

(ff) (1) A person convicted of a violation of subsection (j) of this section while operating a commercial motor vehicle in Anne Arundel County is subject to:

(i) For a first offense, a fine of \$100;

(ii) For a second offense, a fine of \$250; and

(iii) For a third or subsequent offense, a fine of \$500.

(2) A person convicted of a violation of subsection (u) or (dd) of this section is subject to a fine of \$25.

(3) A DRIVER OF A MOTOR VEHICLE IS SUBJECT TO A CIVIL PENALTY NOT EXCEEDING \$500 FOR A VIOLATION OF SUBSECTION (GG) OF THIS SECTION.

**(GG) (1) THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO:**

**(I) AN AUTHORIZED EMERGENCY VEHICLE;**

**(II) A TRANSIT VEHICLE;**

1                    (III) A VEHICLE PICKING UP OR DISCHARGING INDIVIDUALS  
2 WITH DISABILITIES;

3                    (IV) A VEHICLE THAT HAS BECOME UNINTENTIONALLY SO  
4 DISABLED WHILE ON THE HIGHWAY THAT THE DRIVER CANNOT AVOID STOPPING  
5 AND TEMPORARILY STANDING OR PARKING THE VEHICLE; OR

6                    (V) A VEHICLE WHILE LOADING OR UNLOADING GOODS FOR  
7 PICK-UP OR DELIVERY;

8                    1. A. UNLESS A SHORTER PERIOD OF TIME IS  
9 IMPOSED UNDER A LOCAL LAW, FOR A PERIOD OF TIME NOT EXCEEDING 30  
10 MINUTES; AND

11                    B. THAT IS DISPLAYING FLASHING HAZARD WARNING  
12 LIGHTS; OR

13                    2. UNDER A LOCAL CURBSIDE PARKING PERMIT.

14                    (2) A PERSON MAY NOT STOP, STAND, OR PARK A VEHICLE IN A BIKE  
15 LANE OR BICYCLE PATH.

16                    SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
17 October 1, 2025.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.