

HOUSE BILL 422

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By: ~~Delegate Palakovich Carr~~ Delegates Palakovich Carr, Healey, Lehman, R. Lewis, and Ruth

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – Bicycles, Play Vehicles, and Unicycles – Crosswalks**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a person operating a bicycle, play vehicle, or unicycle at an
4 intersection who is facing a red signal to enter the intersection to cross the highway
5 in the direction of a pedestrian control “walk” signal; and generally relating to the
6 operation of bicycles, play vehicles, and unicycles at crosswalks.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

8 Article – Transportation

9 Section 21–1202

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Transportation**

15 21–1202.

16 (a) Every person operating a bicycle or a motor scooter in a public bicycle area
17 has all the rights granted to and is subject to all the duties required of the driver of a vehicle
18 by this title, including the duties set forth in § 21–504 of this title, except:

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) As otherwise provided in this subtitle; and

2 (2) For those provisions of this title that by their very nature cannot apply.

3 (b) (1) Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3) of this subsection, a person has the
4 rights and is subject to the restrictions applicable to pedestrians under this title while the
5 person is lawfully operating a bicycle, play vehicle, or unicycle:

6 (i) On a sidewalk or sidewalk area; or

7 (ii) In or through a crosswalk.

8 (2) **[At] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION,**
9 **AT** an intersection, a person operating a bicycle, play vehicle, or unicycle is subject to all
10 traffic control signals, as provided in §§ 21–202 and 21–203 of this title.

11 (3) Section 21–506 of this title does not apply to a person operating a
12 bicycle, play vehicle, or unicycle.

13 **(C) (1) UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY A TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICE,**
14 **A PERSON OPERATING A BICYCLE, PLAY VEHICLE, OR UNICYCLE AT AN**
15 **INTERSECTION WHO IS FACING A RED SIGNAL MAY ENTER THE INTERSECTION TO**
16 **CROSS THE HIGHWAY IN THE DIRECTION OF A PEDESTRIAN CONTROL “WALK”**
17 **SIGNAL DISPLAYED FOR THE PORTION OF THE HIGHWAY ON WHICH THE BICYCLE,**
18 **PLAY VEHICLE, OR UNICYCLE IS TRAVELING.**

19 **(2) BEFORE ENTERING AN INTERSECTION AS DESCRIBED IN**
20 **PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A PERSON OPERATING A BICYCLE, PLAY**
21 **VEHICLE, OR UNICYCLE SHALL YIELD THE RIGHT-OF-WAY TO ANY VEHICLE OR**
22 **PEDESTRIAN LAWFULLY USING THE INTERSECTION.**

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

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.