

# HOUSE BILL 946

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Bicycles, Play Vehicles, and Unicycles – Riding on Sidewalks**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing, under certain circumstances, a certain restriction on  
4 riding a bicycle, play vehicle, or unicycle on a sidewalk or sidewalk area; and  
5 generally relating to riding bicycles, play vehicles, and unicycles on sidewalks.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
7 Article – Transportation  
8 Section 11–104 and 21–101(m)  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
12 Article – Transportation  
13 Section 21–1103  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – Transportation**  
19 11–104.

20 “Bicycle” means a vehicle that:

21 (1) Is designed to be operated by human power;

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

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1                   (3)     Has a drive mechanism other than by pedals directly attached to a  
2 drive wheel.

3 21-101.

4           (m)     “Play vehicle” means a vehicle that:

5                   (1)     Has two or three wheels;

6                   (2)     Is propelled only by human power; and

7                   (3)     Is not a bicycle, as defined in Title 11 of this article.

8 21-1103.

9           (a)     Except as provided in subsection (b), (c), or (d) of this section, a person  
10 may not drive any vehicle on a sidewalk or sidewalk area unless it is a permanent or  
11 authorized temporary driveway.

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

14                   (2)     [Where allowed] **UNLESS PROHIBITED** by local ordinance, a  
15 person may ride a bicycle, play vehicle, or unicycle on a sidewalk or sidewalk area.

16                   (3)     In a place where a person may ride a bicycle on a sidewalk or  
17 sidewalk area, a person may also ride a bicycle from the curb or edge of the roadway in  
18 or through a crosswalk to the opposite curb or edge of the roadway.

19           (c)     Unless prohibited by local ordinance, an individual with a disability may  
20 use a special vehicle other than a wheelchair on sidewalks or sidewalk areas.

21           (d)     An individual may use a wheelchair on sidewalks or sidewalk areas in  
22 accordance with § 21-501.1 of this title.

23           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
24 October 1, 2012.