

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

Article - Transportation

~~21-1207.2.~~

~~(A) IN THIS SECTION,~~

~~11-154.1.~~

"SCOOTER" MEANS A TWO-WHEELED VEHICLE THAT:

~~(1) HAS TWO WHEELS AND HANDLEBARS; AND~~

~~(2) IS DESIGNED TO BE OPERATED:~~

~~(I) BY A SEATED RIDER; OR~~

~~(II) BY A RIDER STANDING ON A LOW FOOTBOARD BETWEEN THE TWO WHEELS; AND~~

~~(3) IS PROPELLED BY:~~

~~(I) AN ELECTRIC OR GASOLINE MOTOR; OR~~

~~(II) THE RIDER PUSHING ONE FOOT AGAINST THE GROUND WHILE RESTING THE OTHER FOOT ON THE FOOTBOARD.~~

~~(B) A PERSON STOOD ON BY THE OPERATOR~~

~~21-1207.2.~~

~~(A) AN INDIVIDUAL UNDER THE AGE OF 16 YEARS MAY NOT RIDE ON A SCOOTER OR ON IN-LINE SKATES ON ANY HIGHWAY, BICYCLE WAY, SIDEWALK, OR OTHER PROPERTY OPEN TO THE PUBLIC OR USED BY THE PUBLIC FOR PEDESTRIAN OR VEHICULAR TRAFFIC, UNLESS THE PERSON INDIVIDUAL IS WEARING A HELMET THAT MEETS OR EXCEEDS THE STANDARDS OF THE AMERICAN NATIONAL STANDARDS INSTITUTE, THE SNELL MEMORIAL FOUNDATION'S STANDARD, OR THE STANDARDS OF FOUNDATION, OR THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF TESTING AND MEASUREMENTS FOR PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR FOR USE IN BICYCLING OR IN-LINE SKATING.~~

~~(B) (C) (B) THIS SECTION SHALL BE ENFORCED BY THE ISSUANCE OF A WARNING THAT INFORMS THE OFFENDER OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION AND PROVIDES EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS ABOUT HELMET USE.~~

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2001.

Approved May 15, 2001.