

HOUSE BILL 1477

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By: **Delegate Malone**

Introduced and read first time: February 7, 2020

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – Pedestrians – Rights and Requirements**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing that certain requirements that apply to a person walking
4 on a highway also apply to a person running on a highway; authorizing a pedestrian
5 to walk or run along and on a bike lane or shoulder adjacent to a roadway regardless
6 of the presence of a sidewalk; requiring the driver of a vehicle to yield the
7 right-of-way to a pedestrian who is walking or running along and on a bike lane or
8 shoulder under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the rights and
9 requirements of pedestrians on highways.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article – Transportation
12 Section 21–506
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Transportation**

18 21–506.

19 (a) Where a sidewalk is provided, a pedestrian may not walk **OR RUN** along and
20 on an adjacent roadway.

21 (b) Where a sidewalk is not provided, a pedestrian who walks along and on a
22 highway may walk **OR RUN** only on the left shoulder, if practicable, or on the left side of
23 the roadway, as near as practicable to the edge of the roadway, facing any traffic that might
24 approach from the opposite direction.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(C) (1) WHERE A ROADWAY IS ADJACENT TO A BIKE LANE OR A**
2 **SHOULDER, A PEDESTRIAN MAY WALK OR RUN ALONG AND ON THE BIKE LANE OR**
3 **SHOULDER REGARDLESS OF THE PRESENCE OF A SIDEWALK.**

4 **(2) A DRIVER OF A VEHICLE SHALL YIELD THE RIGHT-OF-WAY TO A**
5 **PEDESTRIAN WHO IS WALKING OR RUNNING ALONG OR ON A BIKE LANE OR**
6 **SHOULDER IF THE DRIVER OF THE VEHICLE IS ABOUT TO ENTER OR CROSS THE BIKE**
7 **LANE OR SHOULDER.**

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
9 October 1, 2020.