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House Bill 1381 (Delegate Guyton)
Environment and Transportation

Vehicle Laws - Stopping, Standing, or Parking in a Bike Lane or Bicycle Path -
Prohibition

This bill prohibits a person from stopping, standing, or parking a vehicle in a bike lane or bicycle path, unless authorized by a local jurisdiction. However, this prohibition does not apply to (1) an authorized emergency vehicle; (2) a transit vehicle; (3) a vehicle picking up or discharging individuals with disabilities; (4) a vehicle that has become so disabled while on the highway that the driver cannot avoid stopping and temporarily standing or parking the vehicle; and (5) a vehicle while loading or unloading goods for pick up or delivery, if specified requirements are met. A person who violates the prohibition is guilty of a misdemeanor and is subject to a maximum fine of \$500 (the general penalty for violations of the Maryland Vehicle Law).

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill is not anticipated to materially affect State finances or operations.

Local Effect: The bill is not anticipated to materially affect local government finances or operations.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: 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, Maryland law prohibits stopping, standing, or parking a vehicle in/on specified places, including but not limited to (1) an intersection; (2) a crosswalk; (3) a sidewalk; (4) a bridge; (5) a highway

tunnel; or (6) a place where stopping is prohibited by an official sign. A violation of any of these prohibitions is a misdemeanor subject to a maximum fine of \$500. The District Court has established a prepayment penalty of \$60 or \$70 for these violations.

“Bike lane” means any portion of a roadway or shoulder designated for single directional bicycle flow. “Bicycle path” is defined as 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.

“Vehicle” is defined as any device in, on, or by which any individual or property is (or might be) transported or towed on a highway. “Vehicle” includes a low-speed vehicle and an off-highway recreational vehicle, but it does not include an electric personal assistive mobility device or a personal delivery device.

Additional Information

Recent Prior Introductions: Similar legislation has been introduced within the last three years. See HB 178 of 2025.

Designated Cross File: None.

Information Source(s): Baltimore City; Montgomery and Worcester counties; City of Laurel; Maryland Municipal League; Town of La Plata; Department of State Police; Maryland Department of Transportation; Department of Legislative Services

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