

General Assembly

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LCO No. 4603



Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION

Introduced by: (TRA)

AN ACT CONCERNING PEDESTRIAN SAFETY AT CROSSWALKS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 14-300 of the general statutes is
- 2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective
- 3 October 1, 2019):
- 4 (c) Except as provided in subsection (c) of section 14-300c, at any
- 5 crosswalk marked as provided in subsection (a) of this section or any
- 6 unmarked crosswalk, provided such crosswalks are not controlled by
- 7 police officers or traffic control signals, each operator of a vehicle shall
- 8 grant the right-of-way, and slow or stop such vehicle if necessary to so
- 9 grant the right-of-way, to any pedestrian crossing the roadway within
- such crosswalk. [, provided such pedestrian steps off the curb or into
- 11 the crosswalk at the entrance to a crosswalk or is within that half of the
- 12 roadway upon which such operator of a vehicle is traveling, or such
- pedestrian steps off the curb or into the crosswalk at the entrance to a crosswalk or is crossing the roadway within such crosswalk from that
- crosswalk or is crossing the roadway within such crosswalk from that half of the roadway upon which such operator is not traveling.] <u>For the</u>
- 16 purposes of this subsection, a pedestrian is "crossing the roadway

within such crosswalk" when the pedestrian (1) is within any portion 17 18 of the crosswalk, (2) steps to the curb at the entrance to the crosswalk 19 and indicates his or her intent to cross the roadway by raising his or 20 her hand and arm toward oncoming traffic, or (3) indicates his or her 21 intent to cross the roadway by moving any part of his or her body or 22 an extension thereof, including, but not limited to, a wheelchair, cane, 23 walking stick, crutch, bicycle, electric bicycle, stroller, carriage, cart or 24 leashed or harnessed dog, into the crosswalk at the entrance to the 25 crosswalk. No operator of a vehicle approaching from the rear shall 26 overtake and pass any vehicle, the operator of which has stopped at 27 any crosswalk marked as provided in subsection (a) of this section or 28 any unmarked crosswalk to permit a pedestrian to cross the roadway. 29 The operator of any vehicle crossing a sidewalk shall yield the right-of-30 way to each pedestrian and all other traffic upon such sidewalk.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following			
sections:			
Section 1	October 1, 2019		14-300(c)

TRA Joint Favorable