

HOUSE BILL 248

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By: **Delegate Pena–Melnik**

Introduced and read first time: January 25, 2010

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – Equine Riding – Helmet Requirement for Minors**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person under a certain age from riding an equine on
4 a highway, an equine–riding path, or a certain other property unless the person
5 is wearing a properly secured helmet that meets or exceeds certain standards;
6 providing that a person convicted of a first violation of this Act is subject to a
7 certain warning; establishing a fine schedule for subsequent violations of this
8 Act; requiring a court to order the parent or guardian of a person under a
9 certain age who is convicted of a violation of this Act to pay the fine imposed for
10 the violation under certain circumstances; requiring a police officer who charges
11 a person with a violation of this Act to provide certain educational materials to
12 the person; and generally relating to helmet use while equine riding.

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
14 Article – Transportation
15 Section 21–104
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

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

20 **Article – Transportation**

21 21–104.

22 (a) Every person riding an animal or driving an animal–drawn vehicle on a
23 roadway has all the rights granted to and is subject to all the duties required of the
24 driver of a vehicle by this title, except for those provisions of this title that by their
25 very nature cannot apply.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) In Anne Arundel County, a person may ride an animal on any part
2 of a highway described in paragraph (1) of this subsection, other than on its roadway
3 or shoulder.

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
5 October 1, 2010.