HOUSE BILL 713

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By: Delegates Lehman, Pena-Melnyk, Forbes, Fraser-Hidalgo, Healey, Hill, Kaiser, Love, Proctor, Ruth, Shetty, Terrasa, Toles, and Williams

Introduced and read first time: January 31, 2022 Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

House action: Adopted

Read second time: March 3, 2022

CHAPTER		

- 1 AN ACT concerning
- 2 Vehicle Laws Horse Riding Helmet Requirement for Minors
- 3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting an adult from allowing a minor to ride a horse on certain
- 4 property unless the minor is wearing a helmet that meets certain standards; and
- 5 generally relating to helmet requirements and horse riding.
- 6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 7 Article Transportation
- 8 Section 21–104
- 9 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 10 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)
- 11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
- 12 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
- 13 Article Transportation
- 14 21–104.
- 15 (a) Every person riding an animal or driving an animal-drawn vehicle on a
- 16 roadway has all the rights granted to and is subject to all the duties required of the driver
- of a vehicle by this title, except for those provisions of this title that by their very nature
- 18 cannot apply.

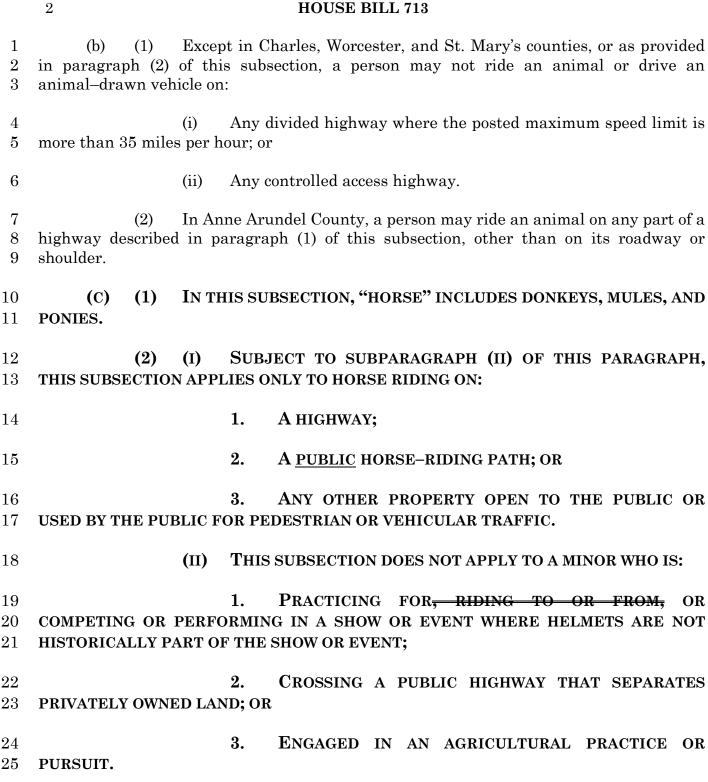
EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

<u>Underlining</u> indicates amendments to bill.

Strike out indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.





26 **(3)** AN ADULT WHO IS PRESENT AND DIRECTLY SUPERVISING A 27 MINOR MAY NOT ALLOW THE MINOR TO RIDE A HORSE UNLESS THE MINOR IS 28 WEARING A PROPERLY SECURED HELMET THAT MEETS OR EXCEEDS THE 29 STANDARDS OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF TESTING AND MATERIALS FOR 30 PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR USED IN EQUESTRIAN RIDING.

1	(4) A VIOLATION OF THIS SUBSECTION INVOLVING AN ADULT
2	SUPERVISING MULTIPLE MINORS AT THE SAME TIME SHALL BE TREATED AS A
3	SINGLE VIOLATION.
4	(5) A VIOLATION OF THIS SUBSECTION IS PRIMA FACIE EVIDENCE OF
5	NEGLIGENCE.
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6	(6) A PERSON WHO IS CONVICTED OF A VIOLATION OF THIS
7	SUBSECTION IS SUBJECT TO:
8	(I) FOR A FIRST OFFENSE, A WRITTEN WARNING THAT INFORMS
9	THE OFFENDER OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION;
0	(II) FOR A SECOND OFFENSE, A FINE OF \$50; AND
1	(III) FOR A WHIRD OR CHROLOUENE OFFENCE A FINE OF \$100
1	(HI) FOR A THIRD OR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE, A FINE OF \$100.
2	(7) A POLICE OFFICER WHO CHARGES AN INDIVIDUAL WITH A
3	VIOLATION OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL PROVIDE THE MINOR WHO IS THE SUBJECT
4	OF THE VIOLATION WITH EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS THAT PROVIDE INFORMATION
15	ABOUT THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBSECTION AND PROPER HELMET USE WHILE
6	HORSEBACK RIDING.
17	SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
18	October 1, 2022.
	Approved:
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	Governor.
	Governor.
	Speaker of the House of Delegates.
	President of the Senate.