

SENATE BILL 607

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By: **Senators Benson, King, and Lee**
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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Motor Scooter and Electric Low Speed Scooter Sharing Companies – Nonvisual**
3 **Access**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring that motor scooter and electric low speed scooter sharing
5 companies include on each motor scooter or electric low speed scooter made available
6 to the public an embossed tactile ~~phone number~~ display with contact information
7 through which certain individuals may contact the company; requiring that motor ~~or~~
8 scooter and electric low speed scooter sharing companies provide certain individuals
9 with certain nonvisual access that is consistent with certain federal standards;
10 providing for a delayed effective date; defining certain terms; and generally relating
11 to nonvisual access for motor scooter and electric low speed scooter sharing
12 companies.

13 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
14 Article – Transportation
15 Section 11-117.2 and 11-134.5
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

18 BY adding to
19 Article – Transportation
20 Section 18.7-101 and 18.7-102 to be under the new title “Title 18.7. Motor Scooter
21 and Electric Low Speed Scooter Sharing Companies”
22 Annotated Code of Maryland
23 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

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



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

3 **Article – Transportation**

4 11–117.2.

5 (a) “Electric low speed scooter” means a vehicle that:

6 (1) Is designed to transport only the operator;

7 (2) Weighs less than 100 pounds;

8 (3) Has single wheels in tandem or a combination of one or two wheels at
9 the front and rear of the vehicle;

10 (4) Is equipped with handlebars and a platform designed to be stood on
11 while riding;

12 (5) Is solely powered by an electric motor and human power; and

13 (6) Is capable of operating at a speed of up to 20 miles per hour.

14 (b) “Electric low speed scooter” does not include:

15 (1) An electric personal assistive mobility device; or

16 (2) An electric wheelchair or other mobility aid used by a disabled
17 individual.

18 11–134.5.

19 (a) “Motor scooter” means a nonpedal vehicle that:

20 (1) Has a seat for the operator;

21 (2) Has two wheels, of which one is 10 inches or more in diameter;

22 (3) Has a step-through chassis;

23 (4) Has a motor:

24 (i) With a rating of 2.7 brake horsepower or less; or

25 (ii) If the motor is an internal combustion engine, with a capacity of
26 50 cubic centimeters piston displacement or less; and

1 (5) Is equipped with an automatic transmission.

2 (b) “Motor scooter” does not include:

3 (1) An electric low speed scooter; or

4 (2) A vehicle that has been manufactured for off-road use, including a
5 motorcycle and an all-terrain vehicle.

6 **TITLE 18.7. MOTOR SCOOTER AND ELECTRIC LOW SPEED SCOOTER SHARING**
7 **COMPANIES.**

8 **18.7-101.**

9 (A) IN THIS TITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
10 INDICATED.

11 (B) “MOTOR SCOOTER ~~OR~~ AND ELECTRIC LOW SPEED SCOOTER SHARING
12 COMPANY” MEANS A PERSON THAT MAKES MOTOR SCOOTERS OR ELECTRIC LOW
13 SPEED SCOOTERS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC FOR LEASE ON A SHORT-TERM BASIS.

14 (C) “NONVISUAL ACCESS” MEANS THE ABILITY THROUGH KEYBOARD
15 CONTROL, SYNTHESIZED SPEECH, OR OTHER METHODS NOT REQUIRING SIGHT TO
16 RECEIVE, USE, AND MANIPULATE INFORMATION AND OPERATE CONTROLS
17 NECESSARY TO ACCESS INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY.

18 **18.7-102.**

19 (A) A MOTOR SCOOTER ~~OR~~ AND ELECTRIC LOW SPEED SCOOTER SHARING
20 COMPANY SHALL INCLUDE ON EACH MOTOR SCOOTER OR ELECTRIC LOW SPEED
21 SCOOTER MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC AN EMBOSSED TACTILE ~~PHONE NUMBER~~
22 DISPLAY WITH CONTACT INFORMATION THROUGH WHICH AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS
23 BLIND OR HAS A VISUAL IMPAIRMENT MAY CONTACT THE COMPANY.

24 (B) A MOTOR ~~OR~~ SCOOTER AND ELECTRIC LOW SPEED SCOOTER SHARING
25 COMPANY SHALL PROVIDE INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES NONVISUAL ACCESS TO
26 ITS WEBSITE AND MOBILE APPLICATION IN A WAY THAT:

27 (1) PROVIDES FULL AND EQUAL ACCESSIBILITY TO THE INDIVIDUAL
28 WITH DISABILITIES SO THAT THE INDIVIDUAL IS ABLE TO ACQUIRE THE SAME
29 INFORMATION, ENGAGE IN THE SAME INTERACTIONS, AND ENJOY THE SAME
30 SERVICES AS USERS WITHOUT DISABILITIES, WITH SUBSTANTIALLY EQUIVALENT
31 EASE OF USE; AND

1 **(2) IS CONSISTENT WITH THE STANDARDS OF § 508 OF THE FEDERAL**
2 **REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973.**

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect ~~July~~
4 ~~1, 2020~~ January 1, 2021.

Approved:

_____ Governor.

_____ President of the Senate.

_____ Speaker of the House of Delegates.