

SENATE BILL 607

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Motor and Electric Scooter Sharing Companies – Nonvisual Access**

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

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
11 Article – Transportation
12 Section 11–134.5
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

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

23 **Article – Transportation**

24 11–134.5.

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(1) Has a seat for the operator;

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

(3) Has a step-through chassis;

(4) Has a motor:

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

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

(5) Is equipped with an automatic transmission.

(b) "Motor scooter" does not include:

(1) An electric low speed scooter; or

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

TITLE 18.7. MOTOR AND ELECTRIC SCOOTER SHARING COMPANIES.

18.7-101.

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

(B) "MOTOR OR ELECTRIC SCOOTER SHARING COMPANY" MEANS A PERSON THAT MAKES MOTOR SCOOTERS OR ELECTRIC LOW SPEED SCOOTERS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC FOR LEASE ON A SHORT-TERM BASIS.

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

18.7-102.

(A) A MOTOR OR ELECTRIC SCOOTER SHARING COMPANY SHALL INCLUDE ON EACH MOTOR SCOOTER OR ELECTRIC LOW SPEED SCOOTER MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC AN EMBOSSED TACTILE PHONE NUMBER THROUGH WHICH AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS BLIND OR HAS A VISUAL IMPAIRMENT MAY CONTACT THE COMPANY.

1 **(B) A MOTOR OR ELECTRIC SCOOTER SHARING COMPANY SHALL PROVIDE**
2 **INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES NONVISUAL ACCESS TO ITS WEBSITE AND MOBILE**
3 **APPLICATION IN A WAY THAT:**

4 **(1) PROVIDES FULL AND EQUAL ACCESSIBILITY TO THE INDIVIDUAL**
5 **WITH DISABILITIES SO THAT THE INDIVIDUAL IS ABLE TO ACQUIRE THE SAME**
6 **INFORMATION, ENGAGE IN THE SAME INTERACTIONS, AND ENJOY THE SAME**
7 **SERVICES AS USERS WITHOUT DISABILITIES, WITH SUBSTANTIALLY EQUIVALENT**
8 **EASE OF USE; AND**

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

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
12 1, 2020.