OLR Bill Analysis
HB 7203

AN ACT CONCERNING PEDESTRIAN SAFETY AT CROSSWALKS.

SUMMARY

The bill expands the circumstances under which drivers must yield the right-of-way to pedestrians at marked and unmarked crosswalks, except those controlled by traffic signals or police officers.

Under current law, a driver must yield to any pedestrian who has stepped off the curb or into the crosswalk at the entrance. Under the bill, a driver must yield to any pedestrian who:

1. is within any portion of the crosswalk;

2. steps to the curb at a crosswalk’s entrance and indicates intent to cross the road by raising his or her hand and arm toward oncoming traffic; or

3. indicates intent to cross the road by moving into the crosswalk at the entrance any body part or any extension of a body part, including a wheelchair, cane, walking stick, crutch, bicycle, electric bicycle, stroller, carriage, cart, or leashed or harnessed dog.

As under existing law, pedestrians crossing at crosswalks controlled by traffic signals or police officers may cross only as indicated by the signal or officer. Pedestrians must also yield the right of way to emergency vehicles.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2019

COMMITTEE ACTION

Transportation Committee

Joint Favorable
Yea 27  Nay 9  (03/20/2019)