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3 By Senator Allen
4 RFD: Transportation and Energy
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4 ENROLLED, An Act,

5 To amend Section 32-5A-82, Code of Alabama 1975, to
6 provide a definition for safe distance for purposes of a
7 vehicle overtaking and passing a bicycle.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

9 Section 1. Section 32-5A-82, Code of Alabama 1975,
10 is amended to read as follows:

11 "§32-5A-82.

12 "The following rules shall govern the overtaking and
13 passing of vehicles proceeding in the same direction, subject
14 to those limitations, exceptions, and special rules
15 hereinafter stated:

16 "(1) The driver of a vehicle overtaking another
17 vehicle proceeding in the same direction shall pass to the
18 left thereof at a safe distance and shall not again drive to
19 the right side of the roadway until safely clear of the
20 overtaken vehicle.

21 "(2) Except when overtaking and passing on the right
22 is permitted, the driver of an overtaken vehicle shall give
23 way to the right in favor of the overtaking vehicle on audible
24 signal and shall not increase the speed of his or her vehicle
25 until completely passed by the overtaking vehicle.

1 "(3) For purposes of a vehicle overtaking and
2 passing a bicycle, a safe distance shall mean not less than
3 three feet on any of the following:

4 "(a). A roadway that has a marked bicycle lane.

5 "(b). A roadway without a marked bicycle lane if the
6 roadway has a marked speed limit of 45 miles per hour or less
7 and the roadway does not have a double yellow line separating
8 cars from oncoming traffic indicating a no passing zone.

9 "(4) Subdivision (3) shall only apply when a cyclist
10 is riding within two feet of the right shoulder of the
11 roadway."

12 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
13 first day of the third month following its passage and
14 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Senate 17-MAR-15
I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and passed
the Senate, as amended.

Patrick Harris
Secretary

House of Representatives
Amended and passed 04-JUN-15

Senate concurred in House amendment 04-JUN-15

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