

The House Committee on Motor Vehicles offers the following substitute to HB 978:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 40-6-291 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 traffic laws applicable to bicycles, operation upon paved shoulder, and signaling of right  
3 hand turns, so as to provide for standards of operation for bicyclists approaching certain  
4 intersections with stop signs; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and  
5 for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Code Section 40-6-291 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to traffic laws  
9 applicable to bicycles, operation upon paved shoulder, and signaling of right hand turns, is  
10 amended by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

11 “(d) Any person operating a bicycle approaching a stop sign at an intersection or junction  
12 with a highway with two or fewer lanes shall slow down to a speed reasonable for the  
13 existing conditions and, if required for safety, shall stop at the point nearest the roadway  
14 of such intersection or junction where the operator of the bicycle has a view of approaching  
15 traffic before entering such intersection or junction. After slowing to a reasonable speed  
16 or stopping, the operator of the bicycle shall yield the right of way to any vehicle in the

17 intersection or junction or approaching on another highway so closely as to constitute an  
18 immediate hazard during the time the operator of the bicycle is moving across or within the  
19 intersection or junction; provided, however, that, after slowing to a reasonable speed, the  
20 operator of a bicycle may make a turn or proceed through an intersection without stopping  
21 when no other vehicle is approaching the intersection or junction so closely as to constitute  
22 a hazard for the operator of the bicycle to turn or proceed."

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**SECTION 2.**

24 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.