

TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNS FOR BICYCLES

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STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Carol Spackman Moss

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill modifies the traffic code by amending provisions related to operating a bicycle on the roadway.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ provides that a person operating a bicycle approaching a stop sign shall yield the right-of-way to any vehicle in the intersection or approaching on another highway so closely as to constitute an immediate hazard during the time the person is moving across or within the intersection or junction of highways, except that a person after slowing to a reasonable speed and yielding the right-of-way if required, may cautiously make a turn or proceed through the intersection without stopping;

- ▶ provides that once a person operating a bicycle approaching a steady red traffic-control signal has stopped and yielded to all other traffic, the person may cautiously:

- proceed straight through the steady red signal; or
 - turn left onto a highway that is a highway with one lane in each direction; and
- ▶ provides that after slowing to a reasonable speed and yielding the right-of-way if required, a person operating a bicycle approaching a steady red traffic-control signal may cautiously make a right-hand turn without stopping.

Monies Appropriated in this Bill:



28 None

29 **Other Special Clauses:**

30 None

31 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

32 AMENDS:

33 **41-6a-1105**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2005, Chapter 2



35 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

36 Section 1. Section **41-6a-1105** is amended to read:

37 **41-6a-1105. Operation of bicycle or moped on and use of roadway -- Duties,**
38 **prohibitions.**

39 (1) A person operating a bicycle or a moped on a roadway at less than the normal speed
40 of traffic at the time and place and under the conditions then existing shall ride as near as
41 practicable to the right-hand edge of the roadway except when:

- 42 (a) overtaking and passing another bicycle or vehicle proceeding in the same direction;
- 43 (b) preparing to make a left turn at an intersection or into a private road or driveway;
- 44 (c) traveling straight through an intersection that has a right-turn only lane that is in
45 conflict with the straight through movement; or
- 46 (d) reasonably necessary to avoid conditions that make it unsafe to continue along the
47 right-hand edge of the roadway including:
 - 48 (i) fixed or moving objects;
 - 49 (ii) parked or moving vehicles;
 - 50 (iii) bicycles;
 - 51 (iv) pedestrians;
 - 52 (v) animals;
 - 53 (vi) surface hazards; or
 - 54 (vii) a lane that is too narrow for a bicycle and a vehicle to travel safely side by side
55 within the lane.

56 (2) A person operating a bicycle or moped on a highway shall operate in the designated
57 direction of traffic.

58 (3) (a) A person riding a bicycle or moped on a roadway may not ride more than two

59 abreast with another person except on paths or parts of roadways set aside for the exclusive use
60 of bicycles.

61 (b) If allowed under Subsection (3)(a), a person riding two abreast with another person
62 may not impede the normal and reasonable movement of traffic and shall ride within a single
63 lane.

64 (4) If a usable path for bicycles has been provided adjacent to a roadway, a bicycle
65 rider may be directed by a traffic-control device to use the path and not the roadway.

66 (5) (a) A person operating a bicycle approaching a stop sign shall slow down and, if
67 required for safety, stop before entering the intersection.

68 (b) After slowing to a reasonable speed or stopping as required by Subsection (5)(a),
69 the person shall yield the right-of-way to any vehicle in the intersection or approaching on
70 another highway so closely as to constitute an immediate hazard during the time the person is
71 moving across or within the intersection or junction of highways, except that a person after
72 slowing to a reasonable speed and yielding the right-of-way if required, may cautiously make a
73 turn or proceed through the intersection without stopping.

74 (6) (a) (i) Except as provided in Subsection (6)(b), a person operating a bicycle
75 approaching a steady red traffic-control signal shall stop before entering the intersection and
76 shall yield to all other traffic.

77 (ii) Once the person has stopped and yielded to all other traffic as required by
78 Subsection (6)(a)(i), the person may cautiously:

79 (A) proceed straight through the steady red signal; or

80 (B) turn left onto a highway that is a highway with one lane in each direction.

81 (b) After slowing to a reasonable speed and yielding the right-of-way if required, a
82 person operating a bicycle approaching a steady red traffic-control signal may cautiously make
83 a right-hand turn without stopping.

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Fiscal Note

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State Impact

Enactment of this bill will not require additional appropriations.

Individual, Business and/or Local Impact

Enactment of this bill likely will not result in direct, measurable costs and/or benefits for individuals, businesses, or local governments.
