

CYCLING LAWS

2011 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Carol Spackman Moss

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill modifies the Traffic Code by amending provisions relating to operating a bicycle on the roadway.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

► provides that a person operating a bicycle approaching a stop sign shall stop before entering the intersection; and

► provides an exception for a person operating a bicycle approaching a stop sign to cautiously make a turn or proceed through the intersection without stopping if the person:

- slows to a reasonable speed;
- yields the right-of-way to any vehicle in the intersection or approaching on another highway so closely as to constitute an immediate hazard;
- has reasonably determined the movement can be made safely and without interfering with the movement of any vehicle or pedestrian; and
- is 18 years of age or older.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None



28 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

29 AMENDS:

30 **41-6a-1105**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2005, Chapter 2



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

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

34 **41-6a-1105. Operation of bicycle or moped on and use of roadway -- Duties,**
35 **prohibitions.**

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

- 39 (a) overtaking and passing another bicycle or vehicle proceeding in the same direction;
- 40 (b) preparing to make a left turn at an intersection or into a private road or driveway;
- 41 (c) traveling straight through an intersection that has a right-turn only lane that is in
42 conflict with the straight through movement; or

43 (d) reasonably necessary to avoid conditions that make it unsafe to continue along the
44 right-hand edge of the roadway including:

- 45 (i) fixed or moving objects;
- 46 (ii) parked or moving vehicles;
- 47 (iii) bicycles;
- 48 (iv) pedestrians;
- 49 (v) animals;
- 50 (vi) surface hazards; or
- 51 (vii) a lane that is too narrow for a bicycle and a vehicle to travel safely side by side

52 within the lane.

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

55 (3) (a) A person riding a bicycle or moped on a roadway may not ride more than two
56 abreast with another person except on paths or parts of roadways set aside for the exclusive use
57 of bicycles.

58 (b) If allowed under Subsection (3)(a), a person riding two abreast with another person

59 may not impede the normal and reasonable movement of traffic and shall ride within a single
60 lane.

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

63 (5) (a) A person operating a bicycle approaching a stop sign shall stop before entering
64 the intersection.

65 (b) Notwithstanding Subsection (5)(a), a person operating a bicycle approaching a stop
66 sign may cautiously make a turn or proceed through the intersection without stopping if the
67 person:

68 (i) slows to a reasonable speed;

69 (ii) yields the right-of-way to any vehicle in the intersection or approaching on another
70 highway so closely as to constitute an immediate hazard;

71 (iii) has reasonably determined the movement can be made safely and without
72 interfering with the movement of any vehicle or pedestrian; and

73 (iv) is 18 years of age or older.

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