

**PEDESTRIANS ON FREEWAYS**

2011 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Lee B. Perry**

Senate Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill modifies the Traffic Code by amending provisions relating to pedestrians on freeways.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

▶ prohibits a pedestrian from walking along or on a no access freeway facility except during an emergency.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**41-6a-1009**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2005, Chapter 2

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

Section 1. Section **41-6a-1009** is amended to read:

**41-6a-1009. Use of roadway by pedestrians -- Prohibited activities.**

(1) Where there is a sidewalk provided and its use is practicable, a pedestrian may not walk along or on an adjacent roadway.



28           (2) Where a sidewalk is not provided, a pedestrian walking along or on a highway shall  
29 walk only on the shoulder, as far as practicable from the edge of the roadway.

30           (3) Where a sidewalk or a shoulder is not available, a pedestrian walking along or on a  
31 highway shall:

- 32           (a) walk as near as practicable to the outside edge of the roadway; and
- 33           (b) if on a two-way roadway, walk only on the left side of the roadway facing traffic.

34           (4) A person may not sit, stand, or loiter on or near a roadway for the purpose of  
35 soliciting from the occupant of a vehicle:

- 36           (a) a ride;
- 37           (b) contributions;
- 38           (c) employment;
- 39           (d) the parking, watching, or guarding of a vehicle; or
- 40           (e) other business.

41           (5) A pedestrian who is under the influence of alcohol or any drug to a degree which  
42 renders the pedestrian a hazard may not walk or be on a highway except on a sidewalk or  
43 sidewalk area.

44           (6) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, a pedestrian on a roadway shall yield  
45 the right-of-way to all vehicles on the roadway.

46           (7) A pedestrian may not walk along or on a no access freeway facility except during  
47 an emergency.

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