

PEDESTRIANS ON HIGHWAYS

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STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Lee B. Perry

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill modifies the Transportation Code by amending provisions relating to pedestrians on certain highways.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ provides that a pedestrian may not walk along or on a freeway or a limited access highway except during an emergency; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

41-6a-1009, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 159

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



28 walk along or on an adjacent roadway.

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

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

33 (a) walk as near as practicable to the outside edge of the roadway; and

34 (b) if on a two-way roadway, walk only on the left side of the roadway facing traffic.

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

37 (a) a ride;

38 (b) contributions;

39 (c) employment;

40 (d) the parking, watching, or guarding of a vehicle; or

41 (e) other business.

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

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

47 (7) A pedestrian may not walk along or on [~~a no access freeway facility~~] a freeway or a
48 limited access highway except during an emergency.

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