



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5615

LCO No. 1537

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:
(JUD)

An Act Concerning Right Turns When Passing A Bicyclist.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 14-242 of the general statutes is repealed and the following
2 is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 (a) No person shall turn a vehicle at an intersection unless the
4 vehicle is in a proper position on the highway as required by section
5 14-241, or turn a vehicle to enter a private road or driveway or
6 otherwise turn a vehicle from a direct course or move right or left
7 upon a highway unless such movement can be made with reasonable
8 safety. No person shall so turn any vehicle without giving an
9 appropriate signal in the manner provided in section 14-244.

10 (b) A signal of intention to turn right or left shall be given
11 continuously during not less than the last one hundred feet traveled by
12 the vehicle before turning.

13 (c) No person shall stop or suddenly decrease the speed of a vehicle
14 without first giving an appropriate signal in the manner provided in
15 section 14-244 to the driver of any vehicle immediately to the rear

16 when there is opportunity to give such signal.

17 (d) No person shall turn a vehicle so as to proceed in the opposite
18 direction upon any curve, or upon the approach to, or near the crest of,
19 a grade, where such vehicle cannot be seen by the driver of any other
20 vehicle approaching from either direction within five hundred feet, or
21 at any location where signs prohibiting U-turns are posted by any
22 traffic authority.

23 (e) The driver of a vehicle intending to turn to the left within an
24 intersection or into an alley, private road or driveway shall yield the
25 right-of-way to any vehicle approaching from the opposite direction
26 which is within the intersection or within the area formed by the
27 extension of the lateral lines of the private alley, road or driveway
28 across the full width of the public highway with which it intersects, or
29 so close to such intersection of public highways or to the area formed
30 by the extension of the lateral lines of said private alley, road or
31 driveway across the full width of the public highway as to constitute
32 an immediate hazard.

33 (f) No person operating a vehicle who overtakes and passes a
34 person riding a bicycle and proceeding in the same direction shall
35 make a right turn at any intersection or into any private road or
36 driveway unless the vehicle is at least one hundred feet in front of the
37 bicycle when the turn is commenced. A person riding a bicycle shall
38 yield the right-of-way to a vehicle making a turn in accordance with
39 the provisions of this subsection.

40 ~~[(f)]~~ (g) Violation of any of the provisions of this section shall be an
41 infraction.

Statement of Purpose:

To provide that drivers of vehicles must give bicyclists at least one hundred feet of clearance before making a right turn in front of them.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]