



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 299

LCO No. 1895

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Referred to Committee on Transportation

Introduced by:
(TRA)

AN ACT CONCERNING BICYCLE ACCESS AND SAFETY.

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

1 Section 1. Section 14-232 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2008*):

3 (a) Except as provided in sections 14-233 and 14-234, (1) the driver
4 of a vehicle overtaking another vehicle proceeding in the same
5 direction shall pass to the left thereof at a safe distance and shall not
6 again drive to the right side of the highway until safely clear of the
7 overtaken vehicle; and (2) the driver of an overtaken vehicle shall give
8 way to the right in favor of the overtaking vehicle and shall not
9 increase the speed of his vehicle until completely passed by the
10 overtaking vehicle. For the purposes of this subsection, "safe distance"
11 means not less than three feet when the driver of a vehicle overtakes
12 and passes a person riding a bicycle.

13 (b) No vehicle shall be driven to the left side of the center of the
14 highway in overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding in the
15 same direction unless the left side is clearly visible and is free of
16 oncoming traffic for a sufficient distance ahead to permit such

17 overtaking and passing to be completely made without interfering
18 with the safe operation of any vehicle approaching from the opposite
19 direction or any vehicle overtaken.

20 (c) Violation of any provision of this section shall be an infraction.

21 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 13b-79p of the general statutes is
22 amended by adding subdivision (22) as follows (*Effective October 1,*
23 *2008*):

24 (NEW) (22) Improving bicycle and pedestrian access throughout the
25 state transportation system.

26 Sec. 3. Section 13a-57b of the general statutes is repealed and the
27 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2008*):

28 The Commissioner of Transportation shall [, whenever possible,
29 encourage the inclusion of] include areas for bicycles and pedestrians
30 when (1) creating a layout of a state highway, in accordance with
31 section 13a-57, or (2) relocating a state highway, in accordance with
32 section 13a-56.

33 Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2008*) The Commissioner of
34 Transportation shall, in consultation with groups advocating on behalf
35 of bicyclists, develop and implement a state-wide "Share the Road"
36 public awareness campaign to educate the public concerning the rights
37 and responsibilities of both motorists and bicyclists as they jointly use
38 the highways of this state.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2008</i>	14-232
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2008</i>	13b-79p(a)
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2008</i>	13a-57b
Sec. 4	<i>October 1, 2008</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To improve bicycle and pedestrian access throughout the state transportation system and promote the safety of motorists and bicyclists while they jointly use the highways in this state.

[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.]