



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 Section 14-232 of the general statutes is repealed and the  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 2008 supplement to  
22 the general statutes is amended by adding subdivision (22) as follows  
23 (*Effective October 1, 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 Section 13a-57b of the general statutes is repealed and the  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

**TRA**      *Joint Favorable*