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**Amendment**

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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 502

File No. 334

Cal. No. 246

**"AN ACT CONCERNING BICYCLE SAFETY."**

1 Strike lines 15 to 20, inclusive, in their entirety and insert the  
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "(b) The driver of a vehicle may overtake and pass, in a marked no-  
4 passing zone, pedestrians, parked or standing vehicles, animals,  
5 bicycles, mopeds, scooters, vehicles moving at a slow speed as defined  
6 in section 14-220 or obstructions on the right side of the highway, as  
7 listed in subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 14-230, as amended  
8 by this act, provided such overtaking and passing may be conducted  
9 safely, with adequate sight distance and without interfering with  
10 oncoming traffic or endangering traffic, as defined in section 14-297."

11 Strike lines 29 to 33, inclusive, in their entirety and insert the

12 following in lieu thereof:

13 "curb, except if a bikeway, as defined in section 13a-153f, or such  
14 bikeway's buffer area, as described in the federal Manual on Uniform  
15 Traffic Control Devices, is in place between the parking lane and the  
16 curb, such vehicle shall be so placed that its right-hand wheels, when  
17 stationary, shall, when safety will permit, be within a distance of  
18 twelve inches from the edge of such bikeway or buffer area. No vehicle  
19 shall"

20 In line 35, insert brackets around "thereat" and after the closing  
21 bracket insert "at such intersection"

22 In line 94, strike "set aside" and insert "separated" in lieu thereof

23 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and  
24 internal references accordingly:

25 "Sec. 501. Section 13a-153f of the general statutes is repealed and the  
26 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2015*):

27 (a) For the purposes of this section:

28 (1) "Department" means the Department of Transportation;

29 (2) "Funds" means any funds from the Special Transportation Fund,  
30 bond allocations and any other source that is available for the  
31 construction, maintenance and repair of roads in this state;

32 (3) "User" means a motorist, transit user, pedestrian or bicyclist;

33 (4) "Bikeway" means any road, street, path or way which in some  
34 manner is specifically designated for bicycle travel, including the  
35 provision of a bicycle lane, regardless of whether such facility is  
36 designated for the exclusive use of bicycles or is to be shared with  
37 other modes of transportation; and

38 (5) "Total project cost" means the cost of the entire corridor plan

39 project.

40 (b) Accommodations for all users shall be a routine part of the  
41 planning, design, construction and operating activities of all highways,  
42 as defined in section 14-1, in this state. The department, in concert with  
43 elected or appointed municipal authorities and taking into  
44 consideration any municipally approved transportation plan, where  
45 appropriate, shall give consideration to implementing the AASHTO  
46 minimum standard lane width, if such implementation allows the  
47 addition of a bicycle lane that conforms to the bicycle lane standards of  
48 AASHTO or the National Association of City Transportation Officials.

49 (c) From funds received by the department or any municipality for  
50 the construction, restoration, rehabilitation or relocation of highways,  
51 roads or streets, a reasonable amount shall be expended to provide  
52 facilities for all users, including, but not limited to, bikeways and  
53 sidewalks with appropriate curb cuts and ramps. On and after October  
54 1, 2010, not less than one per cent of the total amount of any such  
55 funds received in any fiscal year shall be so expended. The department  
56 or municipality shall take future transit expansion plans into account  
57 where appropriate. Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection,  
58 such provisions shall not apply in the event of a state or municipal  
59 transportation emergency.

60 (d) [Accomodations] Accommodations pursuant to subsection (b) of  
61 this section and the provision of facilities pursuant to subsection (c) of  
62 this section shall not be required if the Commissioner of  
63 Transportation or a municipal legislative body determines, with  
64 respect to a highway, road or street that: (1) Nonmotorized usage is  
65 prohibited; (2) there is a demonstrated absence of need; (3) the  
66 accommodation of all users would be an excessively expensive  
67 component of the total project cost; or (4) the accommodation of all  
68 users is not consistent with the state's or such municipality's,  
69 respectively, program of construction, maintenance and repair.

70 Sec. 502. Subsection (a) of section 14-230 of the general statutes is

71 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
72 *1, 2015*):

73 (a) Upon all highways, each vehicle, other than a vehicle described  
74 in subsection (c) of this section, shall be driven upon the right, except  
75 (1) when overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding in the  
76 same direction, (2) when overtaking and passing pedestrians, parked  
77 or standing vehicles, animals, bicycles, mopeds, scooters, vehicles  
78 moving at a slow speed, as defined in section 14-220, or obstructions  
79 on the right side of the highway, (3) when the right side of a highway  
80 is closed to traffic while under construction or repair, (4) on a highway  
81 divided into three or more marked lanes for traffic, or (5) on a highway  
82 designated and signposted for one-way traffic."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	13a-153f
Sec. 502	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	14-230(a)