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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

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RELATING TO OVERTAKING A BICYCLIST.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to specify the safe  
2 distance for a motor vehicle to overtake a bicycle.

3           SECTION 2. Section 291C-43, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
4 amended to read as follows:

5           "[§]291C-43[§] Overtaking a vehicle on the left. The  
6 following rules shall govern the overtaking and passing of  
7 vehicles proceeding in the same direction, subject to those  
8 limitations, exceptions, and special rules hereinafter stated:

9           (1) The driver of a vehicle overtaking another vehicle  
10 proceeding in the same direction shall pass to the  
11 left thereof at a safe distance and shall not again  
12 drive to the right side of the roadway until safely  
13 clear of the overtaken vehicle[-]; provided that the  
14 minimum safe distance for a motor vehicle to overtake  
15 a bicycle is three feet; and

16           (2) Except when overtaking and passing on the right is  
17 permitted, the driver of an overtaken vehicle shall

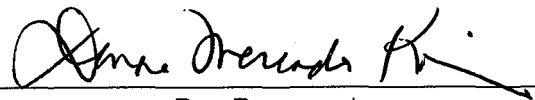


1 give way to the right in favor of the overtaking  
2 vehicle on audible signal and shall not increase the  
3 speed of the driver's vehicle until completely passed  
4 by the overtaking vehicle."

5 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
6 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

7 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY:

  
By Request



**Report Title:**

Motor Vehicles; Bicycle

**Description:**

Specifies the minimum safe distance for a motor vehicle to overtake a bicycle.

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