
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TRAFFIC.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 291C, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending the title of part VIII to read as follows:

"PART VIII. TURNING ~~[AND]~~, STARTING, AND PROCEEDING AND SIGNALS ON STOPPING ~~[AND]~~, TURNING, AND BICYCLE PROCEEDING"

SECTION 2. Section 291C-81, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended to read as follows:

"§291C-81 Required position and method of turning at intersections~~[-]~~; bicycle proceeding through intersections. (a)

The driver of a vehicle intending to turn at an intersection shall do so as follows:

(1) Right turns. Both the approach for a right turn and a right turn shall be made as close as practicable to the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway.

(2) Left turns. The driver of a vehicle intending to turn left at any intersection shall approach the intersection in the extreme left-hand lane lawfully available to traffic moving in the direction of travel



1 of such vehicle, and, after entering the intersection,
2 the left turn shall be made so as to leave the
3 intersection in a lane lawfully available to traffic
4 moving in such direction upon the roadway being
5 entered. Whenever practicable the left turn shall be
6 made in that portion of the intersection to the left
7 of the center of the intersection.

8 (b) The driver of a bicycle proceeding in a right turn
9 only lane may continue proceeding through an intersection in the
10 direction of travel if the driver cannot with reasonable safety
11 merge left into the thru traffic lane prior to the intersection;
12 provided that the driver of the bicycle shall make a signal of
13 intention to turn left, which in this circumstance shall
14 indicate the intention to merge left into the thru traffic lane
15 as soon as practicable and continue proceeding in the thru
16 traffic lane.

17 ~~[(3)]~~ (c) The director of transportation and the counties
18 in their respective jurisdictions may cause official traffic-
19 control devices to be placed within or adjacent to intersections
20 and thereby require and direct that a different course from that
21 specified in this section be traveled by vehicles turning at an



1 intersection, and when such devices are so placed no driver of a
2 vehicle shall turn a vehicle at an intersection other than as
3 directed and required by such devices."

4 SECTION 3. Section 291C-84, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
5 amended to read as follows:

6 "§291C-84 Turning and bicycle proceeding movements and
7 required signals. (a) No person shall turn a vehicle at an
8 intersection unless the vehicle is in proper position upon the
9 roadway as required in section 291C-81, or turn a vehicle to
10 enter a private road or driveway, or otherwise turn a vehicle
11 from a direct course or move right or left upon a roadway unless
12 and until such movement can be made with reasonable safety. No
13 person shall so turn any vehicle without giving an appropriate
14 signal in the manner hereinafter provided.

15 (b) [A] Except as provided in subsection (c), a signal of
16 intention to turn right or left when required shall be given
17 continuously during not less than the last one hundred feet
18 traveled by the vehicle before turning; provided that for a
19 bicycle or moped, such signal shall be given continuously during
20 not less than the last one hundred feet traveled by the bicycle
21 or moped before turning, and shall be given when the bicycle or



1 moped is stopped waiting to turn; and further provided that a
2 signal by hand and arm need not be given continuously by the
3 driver of a bicycle or moped if the hand is needed in the
4 braking, control, or operation of the bicycle or moped.

5 (c) The driver of a bicycle proceeding in a right turn
6 only lane may continue proceeding through an intersection in the
7 direction of travel if the driver cannot with reasonable safety
8 merge left into the thru traffic lane prior to the intersection;
9 provided that the driver of bicycle shall make a signal of
10 intention to turn left, which in this circumstance shall
11 indicate the intention to merge left into the thru traffic lane
12 as soon as practicable and continue proceeding in the thru
13 traffic lane.

14 ~~[(e)]~~ (d) No person shall stop or suddenly decrease the
15 speed of a vehicle without first giving an appropriate signal in
16 the manner provided herein to the driver of any vehicle
17 immediately to the rear when there is opportunity to give such
18 signal.

19 ~~[(d)]~~ (e) The signals provided for in section 291C-85(b)
20 shall be used to indicate an intention to turn, change lanes, or
21 start from a parked position and shall not be flashed on one



1 side only on a parked or disabled vehicle, or flashed as a
2 courtesy or "do pass" signal to operators of other vehicles
3 approaching from the rear."

4 SECTION 4. Section 291C-145, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
5 amended to read as follows:

6 **"§291C-145 Riding on roadways and bikeways.** (a) Every
7 person operating a bicycle upon a roadway at a speed less than
8 the normal speed of traffic moving in the same direction at such
9 time shall ride as near to the right-hand curb, on the edge of
10 the roadway, or on the shoulder off of the roadway as
11 practicable, exercising due care when passing a standing vehicle
12 or one proceeding in the same direction; except under any of the
13 following situations:

14 (1) When preparing for a left turn at an intersection or
15 into a private road or driveway, except where
16 prohibited by official traffic-control devices;

17 (2) When reasonably necessary to avoid conditions
18 (including but not limited to fixed or moving objects,
19 vehicles, bicycles, pedestrians, animals, surface
20 hazards, or substandard width lanes) that make it
21 unsafe to continue along the right-hand curb, on the



1 edge of the roadway, or on the shoulder off of the
2 roadway. For purposes of this section, a "substandard
3 width lane" is a lane that is too narrow for a bicycle
4 and a vehicle to travel safely side-by-side within the
5 lane; or

6 (3) When a roadway is designated and signposted to carry
7 traffic in one direction only and has two or more
8 marked traffic lanes, a person operating a bicycle may
9 ride as near to the left-hand curb, on the edge of the
10 roadway, or on the shoulder off of such roadway as
11 practicable.

12 (b) When approaching an intersection where right turns are
13 permitted and there is a right turn only lane, a driver of a
14 bicycle may proceed in the right turn only lane even if the
15 driver of the bicycle does not intend to turn right; provided
16 that the driver of the bicycle shall not pass a vehicle that is
17 stopped in the right turn only lane; provided further that the
18 driver of the bicycle shall exercise reasonable safety when
19 passing a vehicle proceeding in the same direction in the right
20 turn only lane.



1 [~~(b)~~] (c) Persons riding bicycles upon a roadway shall
2 ride in single file; provided that where the flow of traffic is
3 unimpeded, riding two abreast upon bicycle lanes and bicycle
4 paths shall be permitted when such lane or path is of sufficient
5 width to allow riding two abreast unless otherwise prohibited by
6 rule or ordinance adopted by the director of transportation or
7 by the counties.

8 [~~(e)~~] (d) Whenever a usable bicycle lane has been provided
9 on a highway, any person operating a bicycle at a speed less
10 than the normal speed of traffic moving in the same direction at
11 such time shall ride within such bicycle lane, except that such
12 person may move out of the lane under any of the following
13 situations:

14 (1) When overtaking and passing another bicycle, vehicle,
15 or pedestrian within the lane or about to enter the
16 lane if such overtaking and passing cannot be done
17 safely within the lane;

18 (2) When preparing for a left turn at an intersection or
19 into a private road or driveway; or

20 (3) When reasonably necessary to leave the bicycle lane to
21 avoid debris or other hazardous conditions.



1 [~~d~~] (e) No person operating a bicycle shall leave a
2 bicycle lane until the movement can be made with reasonable
3 safety and then only after giving an appropriate signal in the
4 event that any vehicle may be affected by the movement.

5 [~~e~~] (f) No person shall operate or ride a bicycle within
6 a bicycle lane in any direction except that permitted of
7 vehicular traffic traveling on the same side of the highway.
8 Upon all bicycle paths of sufficient width and providing for
9 two-way movement of bicycle traffic, bicycles proceeding in
10 opposite directions shall pass each other to the right.

11 [~~f~~] (g) The director of transportation by rule and the
12 counties by ordinance may with respect to bikeways under their
13 respective jurisdictions restrict or prohibit the use of such
14 bikeways by mopeds.

15 [~~g~~] (h) No person shall ride a bicycle equipped with a
16 motor on any sidewalk. The counties may, by ordinance, post
17 bicycle lanes and bicycle paths to prevent persons riding a
18 bicycle equipped with a motor from using them."

19 SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
20 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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1 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY:

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H.B. NO. 1558

Report Title:

Bicycles; Traffic Safety; Right Turn Only Lanes

Description:

Permits a bicyclist to proceed through an intersection from a right turn only lane if they cannot safely merge into the thru traffic lane, provided they signal intention to merge left.

Permits a bicyclist to proceed in a right turn only lane when approaching an intersection, even if they do not intend to turn right, provided that they do not pass a stopped vehicle and that they exercise reasonable safety when passing a moving vehicle.

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