



Vulnerable Road Users Bill:

Description – The Vulnerable Road User bill encourages motorists to be more aware of vulnerable road users, and take more responsibility for vulnerable user safety. This bill will provide law enforcement with additional tools to protect vulnerable road users.

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Outline of Vulnerable Road User Bill

The term “vulnerable road user” includes:

- a) A pedestrian, including construction workers, utility workers, emergency safety and law enforcement; or
- b) A person riding an animal; or
- c) A person operating any of the following:
 - 1) A bicycle;
 - 2) A farm tractor or similar vehicle designed primarily for farm use;
 - 3) A skateboard;
 - 4) Roller skates
 - 5) In-line skates
 - 6) A scooter
 - 7) A moped
 - 8) Motorcyclists; or
 - 9) A person in a wheelchair.

A person who operates a motor vehicle in a careless or distracted manner and causes physical injury or death to a vulnerable road user shall be guilty of infliction of injury or death to a vulnerable user.

A person found to have committed an offense under this statute shall be required to;

- a) Pay a fine of not more than two thousand dollars; and
- b) Participate in a motor vehicle accident prevention course; and
- c) Perform up to one hundred hours of community service directly related to improving interactions between motorists and vulnerable road users.

Utah Facts:

2010 Crash Summary Report:

- In 2010, there were 781 pedestrian-motor vehicle crashes in Utah, 27 (3.5%) of these were fatal.
- In 2010, there were 754 bicycle-motor vehicle crashes in Utah, 7 (1%) of these were fatal.
- **Motor vehicle crashes involving a pedestrian or bicyclist were 5.9 times more likely to be fatal than crashes not involving a pedestrian/bicyclist.**

States with Vulnerable Road User laws: Nevada, South Carolina, Washington, Vermont, Oregon, and Delaware

States with similarly worded laws: Idaho, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Mississippi, Iowa, Colorado, Illinois, Georgia, and Connecticut

States introducing Vulnerable Road User legislation 2013: Texas and Massachusetts