

Senator Todd Weiler proposes the following substitute bill:

VULNERABLE USERS OF HIGHWAYS AMENDMENTS

2013 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Todd Weiler

House Sponsor: V. Lowry Snow

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill modifies the Traffic Code by enacting provisions relating to vulnerable users of a highway.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ defines a vulnerable user of a highway;
- ▶ prohibits an operator of a motor vehicle from operating a motor vehicle within three feet of a vulnerable user of a highway;
- ▶ provides that an operator of a motor vehicle may not knowingly, intentionally, or recklessly:
 - distract or attempt to distract a vulnerable user of a highway for a purpose unrelated to public safety; or
 - force or attempt to force a vulnerable user of a highway off of the roadway for ~~§~~ [a purpose unrelated to public safety] the purpose of causing violence or injury to the vulnerable user of a highway ~~←§~~ ;
- ▶ provides penalties for distracting a vulnerable user of a highway or forcing a vulnerable user of a highway off of the roadway for a purpose unrelated to public safety; and
- ▶ makes technical corrections.



57 (a) operate a motor vehicle within three feet of a [~~moving bicycle, unless the operator~~
58 ~~of the motor vehicle operates the motor vehicle within a reasonable and safe distance of the~~
59 ~~bicycle.] vulnerable user of a highway;~~

60 (b) distract or attempt to distract a vulnerable user of a highway for ~~S~~→ **[a purpose unrelated**
61 **to public safety] the purpose of causing violence or injury to the vulnerable user of a highway**

61a ←~~S~~ ; or

62 (c) force or attempt to force a vulnerable user of a highway off of the roadway for a
63 purpose unrelated to public safety.

64 (3) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (3)(b), a violation of Subsection (2) is a class
65 C misdemeanor.

66 (b) A violation of Subsection (2) that results in bodily injury to the vulnerable user of a
67 highway is a class B misdemeanor.