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Mr. Speaker:

The Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Committee reports a favorable recommendation on **H.B. 49**, BICYCLE SAFETY PROVISIONS, by Representative R. McGee, with the following amendments:

- 1. Page 1, Line 16:
 - maintain the clearance until safely past the bicycle; {-and-}
 - <u>provides that the three foot passing distance requirement does not apply if</u> the road is too narrow to safely pass the bicycle;
 - **provides that an operator of a vehicle may not be cited for a violation if:**
 - the operator and of the vehicle is involved in an accident with the bicyclist; and
 - the bicyclist was operating the bicycle in a negligent manner; and
- 2. *Page 2, Lines 35 through 39:*
 - 35 (3) (a) An operator of a vehicle proceeding in the opposite direction shall when passing a bicycle:
 - 36 {<u>(a) pass a bicycle</u>} <u>(i) travel</u> at a safe distance of no less than three feet between any part of the
 - passing vehicle and the bicycle; and
 - 38 { (ii) maintain the clearance required under Subsection (3)(a) until safely past the
 - 39 bicycle.
 - (b) The provisions of Subsection (3)(a) do not apply if a lane is too narrow for an operator of a vehicle to safely pass the bicycle at the distance required under Subsection (3)(a)(i).
 - (4) An operator of a vehicle may not be issued a citation for a violation of Subsection (3) if:
 - (a) the operator of the vehicle is involved in an accident with a bicyclist; and
 - (b) the bicyclist was operating the bicycle in a negligent manner.







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- 3. Page 2, Line 53 through Page 3, Line 58:
 - (c) the operator of a vehicle overtaking a bicycle proceeding in the same direction
 - 54 shall:
 - 55 (i) leave a safe distance of no less than three feet between any part of the overtaking
 - vehicle and the bicycle; and
 - 57 (ii) maintain the clearance required under Subsection (1)(c)(i) until safely past the
 - 58 overtaken bicycle.
 - (2) The provisions of Subsection (1)(c) do not apply if a lane is too narrow for an operator of a vehicle to safely pass the bicycle at the distance required under Subsection (1)(c)(i).
- 4. Page 3, Line 59:
 - 59 $\{ (2) \}$ On a highway having more than one lane in the same direction, the operator of a
- 5. *Page 3, Line 71:*
 - 71 (v) when following direction signs that direct use of a designated lane.
 - (4) An operator of a vehicle may not be issued a citation for a violation of Subsection (1)(c) if:
 - (a) the operator of the vehicle is involved in an accident with a bicyclist; and
 - (b) the bicyclist was operating the bicycle in a negligent manner.

Respectfully,

DeMar "Bud" Bowman Committee Chair

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