

1 **PEDESTRIANS ON FREEWAYS**

2 2011 GENERAL SESSION

3 STATE OF UTAH

4 **Chief Sponsor: Lee B. Perry**

5 Senate Sponsor: Ross I. Romero

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7 **LONG TITLE**

8 **General Description:**

9 This bill modifies the Traffic Code by amending provisions relating to pedestrians on  
10 freeways.

11 **Highlighted Provisions:**

12 This bill:

13 ▶ prohibits a pedestrian from walking along or on a no access freeway facility except  
14 during an emergency.

15 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

16 None

17 **Other Special Clauses:**

18 None

19 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

20 AMENDS:

21 **41-6a-1009**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2005, Chapter 2

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23 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

24 Section 1. Section **41-6a-1009** is amended to read:

25 **41-6a-1009. Use of roadway by pedestrians -- Prohibited activities.**

26 (1) Where there is a sidewalk provided and its use is practicable, a pedestrian may not  
27 walk along or on an adjacent roadway.



28 (2) Where a sidewalk is not provided, a pedestrian walking along or on a highway shall  
29 walk only on the shoulder, as far as practicable from the edge of the roadway.

30 (3) Where a sidewalk or a shoulder is not available, a pedestrian walking along or on a  
31 highway shall:

32 (a) walk as near as practicable to the outside edge of the roadway; and

33 (b) if on a two-way roadway, walk only on the left side of the roadway facing traffic.

34 (4) A person may not sit, stand, or loiter on or near a roadway for the purpose of  
35 soliciting from the occupant of a vehicle:

36 (a) a ride;

37 (b) contributions;

38 (c) employment;

39 (d) the parking, watching, or guarding of a vehicle; or

40 (e) other business.

41 (5) A pedestrian who is under the influence of alcohol or any drug to a degree which  
42 renders the pedestrian a hazard may not walk or be on a highway except on a sidewalk or  
43 sidewalk area.

44 (6) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, a pedestrian on a roadway shall yield  
45 the right-of-way to all vehicles on the roadway.

46 (7) A pedestrian may not walk along or on a no access freeway facility except during  
47 an emergency.

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# FISCAL NOTE

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SHORT TITLE: **Pedestrians on Freeways**

SPONSOR: **Perry, L.**

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STATE GOVERNMENT (UCA 36-12-13(2)(b))

Enactment of this bill likely will not materially impact the state budget.

LOCAL GOVERNMENTS (UCA 36-12-13(2)(c))

Enactment of this bill will generate \$50 in revenue per incident in local justice courts.

DIRECT EXPENDITURES BY UTAH RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES (UCA 36-12-13(2)(d))

Individuals cited for this infraction will be assessed a \$50 fine per incident.