

1 **PEDESTRIANS ON HIGHWAYS**

2 2012 GENERAL SESSION

3 STATE OF UTAH

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

5 Senate Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

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**LONG TITLE**

7 **General Description:**

8 This bill modifies the Transportation Code by amending provisions relating to  
9 pedestrians on certain highways.

10 **Highlighted Provisions:**

11 This bill:

- 12 ▶ provides that a pedestrian may not walk ~~H→~~ [~~along or~~] ~~←H~~ on a freeway or ~~H→~~ [~~a~~

13a ~~limited-access~~

14 ~~highway]~~ **certain controlled-access highways in an urbanized area** ~~←H~~ except during an

14a emergency; and

- 15 ▶ makes technical changes.

16 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

17 None

18 **Other Special Clauses:**

19 None

20 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

21 AMENDS:

22 **41-6a-1009**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 159

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*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  
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28 walk along or on an adjacent roadway.

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

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

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

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

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

37 (a) a ride;

38 (b) contributions;

39 (c) employment;

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

41 (e) other business.

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

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

47 (7) A pedestrian may not walk ~~H→~~ **[along or]** ~~←H~~ on ~~[a no-access freeway facility]~~ a  
47a freeway or ~~H→~~ [a  
48 limited-access highway] any other controlled-access highway in an urbanized area as defined by  
48a the current census upon which entrance, exit, and cross traffic is controlled in the same  
48b manner as on a freeway ←H except during an emergency.

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