

BICYCLE ROADWAY REQUIREMENTS

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STATE OF UTAH

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill amends provisions related to a motor vehicle passing a bicycle.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

► requires a person operating a motor vehicle to move the vehicle to the lane to the left of the lane the vehicle is traveling in when passing a bicycle under certain circumstances.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

41-6a-701, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2013, Chapter 293

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

Section 1. Section **41-6a-701** is amended to read:

41-6a-701. Duty to operate vehicle on right side of roadway -- Exceptions.

(1) On all roadways of sufficient width, a person operating a vehicle shall operate the vehicle on the right half of the roadway, except:



28 (a) when overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding in the same direction
29 under the rules governing that movement;

30 (b) when an obstruction requires operating the vehicle to the left of the center of the
31 roadway subject to the provisions of Subsection (2);

32 (c) when overtaking and passing a bicycle or moped proceeding in the same direction
33 at a speed less than the reasonable speed of traffic that is present requires operating the vehicle
34 to the left of the center of the roadway subject to the provisions of Subsection (2);

35 (d) on a roadway divided into three marked lanes for traffic under the applicable rules;
36 or

37 (e) on a roadway designed and signposted for one-way traffic.

38 (2) (a) A person operating a vehicle as described under Subsection (1) shall yield the
39 right-of-way to a vehicle:

40 (i) traveling in the proper direction on a roadway; and

41 (ii) that is within a distance constituting an immediate hazard.

42 (b) When overtaking and passing a bicycle or moped under Subsection (1)(c), a person
43 operating a vehicle [~~shall~~];

44 (i) may not pass a bicycle or moped proceeding in the same direction if the pass cannot
45 be made safely, including under any of the following conditions:

46 [(i)] (A) when approaching or upon the crest of a grade or upon a curve in the highway
47 where the operator's view is in any way obstructed;

48 [(ii)] (B) when approaching within 100 feet of, or traversing, any intersection or
49 railroad grade crossing unless otherwise indicated by an official traffic control device;

50 [(iii)] (C) when the view is obstructed upon approaching within 100 feet of any bridge,
51 viaduct, or tunnel; or

52 [(iv)] (D) when the pass cannot be made in accordance with Section [41-6a-706.5](#)[-];
53 and

54 (ii) shall move the vehicle to the lane to the left of the lane the vehicle is traveling in,
55 if:

56 (A) there is at least one lane to the left of the vehicle that is proceeding in the same
57 direction; and

58 (B) the movement can be made in accordance with Section [41-6a-804.1](#).

- 59 (3) A person operating a vehicle on a roadway at less than the normal speed of traffic
60 shall operate the vehicle in the right-hand lane then available for traffic, or as close as
61 practicable to the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway, except when:
- 62 (a) overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding in the same direction;
 - 63 (b) preparing to turn left; or
 - 64 (c) taking a different highway or an exit on the left.