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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2025 REGULAR SESSION

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Check all that apply:

Bill Number: SB 73Original Correction Amendment Substitute

Agency Name

and Code

790 – Department of Public Safety

Number:

Sponsor: Sen. Antoinette Sedillo LopezShort Title: Operation of BicyclesPerson Writing Matt Broom, Deputy ChiefPhone: 575760148 Email: Matthew.broom@dps.nm.gov**SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT****APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26		
NFI	NFI	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis () indicate expenditure decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26	FY27		
NFI	NFI	NFI	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis () indicate revenue decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY25	FY26	FY27	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total	NFI	NFI	NFI	NFI	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:
Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Amends the Motor Vehicle Code as it relates to the operation of bicycles; provides bicyclists with the ability to proceed through intersections without waiting for the traffic signal to turn green if there is no approaching pedestrian, bicycle, or vehicle traffic. At an intersection with a stop or yield sign, bicyclists may proceed without stopping if there is no approaching pedestrian, bicycle, or vehicle traffic. It provides a provision that stopping is required if needed to maintain safety.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

No fiscal impact to DPS.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

This bill allows bicyclists not to have to stop at yield or stop signs or wait until a traffic signal has turned from red to green in circumstances in which there is no approaching pedestrian, bicycle, or vehicle traffic. Requiring cyclists to stop or yield at intersections or wait for traffic signals to change where there is no traffic or apparent danger can be unnecessarily disruptive to the flow of a bicyclist's ride and may potentially lead to accidents from abrupt starts or stops. This bill aligns with laws that allow pedestrians not to have to stop or yield if there is no approaching traffic.

DPS is concerned about the possibility that a bicyclist may misjudge the state of oncoming traffic and possibly cause an accident by not yielding, stopping, or waiting for a traffic signal to change. However, in intersections with clear visibility, there should be little issue.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

No performance implications to DPS.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

No administrative implications to DPS.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

No conflict, duplication, companionship or relationship to DPS.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

No technical issues to DPS.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

No other substantive issues to DPS.

ALTERNATIVES

Not applicable as no impact to DPS.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

Status Quo will remain.

AMENDMENTS

None at this time.