

1 SENATE BILL 73

2 57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2025

3 INTRODUCED BY

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO THE OPERATION OF BICYCLES; REQUIRING A PERSON  
12 RIDING A BICYCLE AND APPROACHING A STOP SIGN OR A YIELD SIGN TO  
13 STOP WHEN REQUIRED FOR SAFETY; AMENDING SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 66  
14 NMSA 1978.

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16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

17 SECTION 1. Section 66-3-702 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1978,  
18 Chapter 35, Section 101) is amended to read:

19 "66-3-702. TRAFFIC LAWS APPLY TO PERSONS RIDING  
20 BICYCLES.--Every person riding a bicycle upon a roadway shall  
21 be granted all of the rights and shall be subject to all of the  
22 duties applicable to the driver of a vehicle except [~~as to the~~  
23 ~~special regulations within Sections 64-3-701 through 64-3-707~~  
24 ~~NMSA 1953]~~ in regard to the:

25 A. equipment, maintenance and operation of the

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1 bicycle pursuant to Sections 66-3-701 through 66-3-707 NMSA  
2 1978; or

3 B. operation of the bicycle at an intersection  
4 pursuant to Section 66-7-345 NMSA 1978."

5 SECTION 2. Section 66-7-345 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1965,  
6 Chapter 91, Section 3, as amended) is amended to read:

7 "66-7-345. AUTHORITY TO DESIGNATE THROUGH HIGHWAYS AND  
8 STOP AND YIELD INTERSECTIONS.--

9 A. The state transportation commission, with  
10 reference to state and county highways, and local authorities,  
11 with reference to other highways under their jurisdiction, may  
12 designate through highways and erect stop signs or yield signs  
13 at specified entrances thereto or may designate any  
14 intersection as a stop intersection or as a yield intersection  
15 and erect stop signs or yield signs at one or more entrances to  
16 the intersection.

17 B. Preferential right of way at an intersection may  
18 be indicated by stop signs or yield signs as authorized in the  
19 Motor Vehicle Code.

20 C. Except when directed to proceed by a police  
21 officer or traffic-control signal, every driver of a vehicle,  
22 other than a person riding a bicycle, approaching a stop  
23 intersection indicated by a stop sign shall stop before  
24 entering the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection or,  
25 in the event there is no crosswalk, shall stop at a clearly

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1 marked stop line, but if none, then at the point nearest the  
2 intersecting roadway before entering the intersection.

3 D. The driver of a vehicle approaching a yield  
4 sign, if required for safety to stop, shall stop before  
5 entering the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection or,  
6 in the event there is no crosswalk, at a clearly marked stop  
7 line, but if none, then at the point nearest the intersecting  
8 roadway where the driver has a view of approaching traffic on  
9 the intersecting roadway.

10 E. Except when directed to proceed by a police  
11 officer, every person riding a bicycle and approaching:

12 (1) a stop intersection indicated by a red  
13 traffic control signal shall stop before entering the crosswalk  
14 on the near side of the intersection or, in the event there is  
15 no crosswalk, shall stop at a clearly marked stop line, but if  
16 none, then at the point nearest the intersecting roadway before  
17 entering the intersection. After stopping, if there is no  
18 approaching pedestrian, bicycle or vehicle traffic with the  
19 right of way, the person riding a bicycle may proceed through  
20 the intersection without waiting for the traffic control signal  
21 to turn green; and

22 (2) an intersection with a stop sign or a  
23 yield sign, if there is no approaching pedestrian, bicycle or  
24 vehicle traffic with the right of way, the person riding a  
25 bicycle may proceed through the intersection without stopping.

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1 If required for safety to stop, the person riding a bicycle  
2 shall stop before entering the crosswalk on the near side of  
3 the intersection or, in the event there is no crosswalk, at a  
4 clearly marked stop line, but if none, then at the point  
5 nearest the intersecting roadway where the person riding a  
6 bicycle has a view of approaching traffic on the intersecting  
7 roadway."

8 SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the  
9 provisions of this act is July 1, 2025.

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