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SENATE BILL

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

INTRODUCED BY

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AN ACT

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

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

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

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

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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