

NEW BICYCLE LAWS, EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2010

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when passing –
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NEW LAW PROVISIONS

Senate Bill 51:

- **Requires a driver of a vehicle to safely overtake a bicycle, electric personal assistive mobility device (EPAMD), or a motor scooter at a distance of at least three feet**, unless at the time, the bicycle, EPAMD, or motor scooter rider fails to ride to the right side of the roadway, comply with a requirement to ride in a bike lane or shoulder, or maintain a steady course.
- The passing rule under the bill also does not apply if the highway on which the vehicle is being driven is not wide enough to lawfully pass the bicycle, EPAMD, or motor scooter at a distance of at least three feet.

WHAT RIDERS NEED TO KNOW

Motorists must pass at a distance of three feet, with important exceptions:

- If Bicyclist fails to ride to the right
- If Bicyclist is in a Bike Lane
- Doesn't keep a steady course
- If the roadway is not wide enough for the motorist to pass legally at a distance of three feet.

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NEW LAW PROVISIONS

Senate Bill 624:

- Repeals the general requirement that a bicycle operator use the shoulder if it is safe and paved to a smooth surface;
- Specifies that, in a place where a person may ride a bicycle on a sidewalk, a person may ride from the curb or edge of the roadway in or through a crosswalk to the opposite curb or edge. The definition of “crosswalk” is expanded to mean the connection of lateral lines of a bicycle way where a bicycle way and roadway of any type meet as measured from the curbs or the edges of the roadway.
- Requires vehicle operators to yield the right-of-way to bicyclists riding in bike lanes and shoulders when these vehicle operators are entering or crossing occupied bike lanes and shoulders;

WHAT RIDERS NEED TO KNOW

Bicyclists no longer *required* to ride on the shoulder. However, when riding at a speed less than the speed of traffic, bicyclist must still ride as near to the right of the roadway as practicable and safe, except when:

- Making or attempting a left turn
- Riding on a one-way street
- Passing a stopped or slower-moving vehicle
- Avoiding pedestrians or road hazards
- The right lane is a right-turn only lane
- Operating in a lane that is too narrow for a bicycle and another vehicle to travel safely side-by-side within the lane.

When riding on a sidewalk, where such riding is permitted, a bicyclist may ride in a crosswalk to continue on their route. Motorists are required to yield right of way to a bicyclist operating lawfully in a crosswalk at a signalized intersection.

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