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SENATE BILL 17-093

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

Kerr, Merrifield

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

(None),

Senate Committees

Transportation

House Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE OPERATION OF A BICYCLE APPROACHING AN**
102 **INTERSECTION.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov/>.)

The bill permits a person riding a bicycle or electrical assisted bicycle to pass through a roadway intersection without stopping at a stop sign if the person slows to a reasonable speed, yields to vehicles and pedestrians, and can safely proceed or make a turn. A person riding a bicycle or electrical assisted bicycle may also proceed through an intersection with an illuminated red traffic control signal if the person

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
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stops, yields to traffic and pedestrians, and can safely proceed in the same direction or make a right-hand turn. A person riding a bicycle or electrical assisted bicycle may not make a left-hand turn at an intersection with an illuminated red traffic control signal unless first stopping, yielding to traffic and pedestrians, and turning onto a one-way street.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-4-1412, **amend**
3 (8)(a) and (8)(b) as follows:

4 **42-4-1412. Operation of bicycles and other human-powered**
5 **vehicles.** (8) (a) A person riding a bicycle or electrical assisted bicycle
6 ~~intending to turn left~~ shall follow a course described in sections 42-4-901
7 (1), 42-4-903, and 42-4-1007. ~~or may make a left turn in the manner~~
8 ~~prescribed in paragraph (b) of this subsection~~ (8) A PERSON RIDING A
9 BICYCLE OR ELECTRICAL ASSISTED BICYCLE APPROACHING AN
10 INTERSECTION OF A ROADWAY WITH A STOP SIGN SHALL SLOW DOWN AND,
11 IF REQUIRED FOR SAFETY, STOP BEFORE ENTERING THE INTERSECTION. IF
12 A STOP IS NOT REQUIRED FOR SAFETY, THE PERSON SHALL SLOW TO A
13 REASONABLE SPEED AND YIELD THE RIGHT-OF-WAY TO ANY VEHICLE OR
14 PEDESTRIAN IN THE INTERSECTION OR APPROACHING THE INTERSECTION AS
15 TO CONSTITUTE AN IMMEDIATE HAZARD DURING THE TIME THE PERSON IS
16 ENTERING, WITHIN, OR LEAVING THE INTERSECTION. AFTER THE PERSON
17 HAS SLOWED TO A REASONABLE SPEED AND YIELDED THE RIGHT-OF-WAY
18 IF REQUIRED, THE PERSON MAY CAUTIOUSLY MAKE A TURN OR PROCEED
19 THROUGH THE INTERSECTION WITHOUT STOPPING.

20 (b) A person riding a bicycle or electrical assisted bicycle
21 ~~intending to turn left shall approach the turn as closely as practicable to~~
22 ~~the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway. After proceeding across the~~
23 ~~intersecting roadway to the far corner of the curb or intersection of the~~

1 roadway edges, the bicyclist shall stop, as much as practicable, out of the
2 way of traffic. After stopping, the bicyclist shall yield to any traffic
3 proceeding in either direction along the roadway that the bicyclist had
4 been using. After yielding and complying with any official traffic control
5 device or police officer regulating traffic on the highway along which the
6 bicyclist intends to proceed, the bicyclist may proceed in the new
7 direction APPROACHING AN INTERSECTION OF A ROADWAY WITH AN
8 ILLUMINATED RED TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL SHALL STOP BEFORE
9 ENTERING THE INTERSECTION AND SHALL YIELD TO ALL OTHER TRAFFIC
10 AND PEDESTRIANS. ONCE THE PERSON HAS YIELDED, THE PERSON MAY
11 CAUTIOUSLY PROCEED IN THE SAME DIRECTION THROUGH THE
12 INTERSECTION OR MAKE A RIGHT-HAND TURN. A PERSON MAY ALSO MAKE
13 A LEFT-HAND TURN IF TURNING ONTO A ONE-WAY STREET AFTER STOPPING
14 AND YIELDING TO OTHER TRAFFIC AND PEDESTRIANS. IF NOT TURNING LEFT
15 ONTO A ONE-WAY STREET, THE PERSON MAY NOT MAKE A LEFT-HAND
16 TURN AT AN INTERSECTION WITH AN ILLUMINATED RED TRAFFIC CONTROL
17 SIGNAL.

18 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
19 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
20 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
21 9, 2017, if adjournment sine die is on May 10, 2017); except that, if a
22 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
23 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
24 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect
25 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
26 November 2018 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
27 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.