
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TRAFFIC.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 291C, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending the title of Part VIII to read as follows:

3 "PART VIII. TURNING [~~AND STARTING~~], STARTING, AND
4 PROCEEDING AND SIGNALS ON STOPPING [~~AND TURNING~~], TURNING, AND
5 BICYCLE PROCEEDING"

6 SECTION 2. Section 291C-81, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
7 amended to read as follows:

8 "§291C-81 Required position and method of turning at
9 intersections[-]; bicycle proceeding through intersections. (a)

10 The driver of a vehicle intending to turn at an intersection
11 shall do so as follows:

12 (1) Right turns. Both the approach for a right turn and a
13 right turn shall be made as close as practicable to
14 the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway.

15 (2) Left turns. The driver of a vehicle intending to turn
16 left at any intersection shall approach the
17 intersection in the extreme left-hand lane lawfully



1 available to traffic moving in the direction of travel
2 of such vehicle, and, after entering the intersection,
3 the left turn shall be made so as to leave the
4 intersection in a lane lawfully available to traffic
5 moving in such direction upon the roadway being
6 entered. Whenever practicable the left turn shall be
7 made in that portion of the intersection to the left
8 of the center of the intersection.

9 (b) The driver of a bicycle proceeding in a right turn
10 only lane may continue proceeding through an intersection in the
11 direction of travel if the driver cannot with reasonable safety
12 merge left into the traffic lane prior to the intersection;
13 provided that the driver of the bicycle shall make a signal of
14 intention to turn left, which in this circumstance shall
15 indicate the intention to merge left into the traffic lane as
16 soon as practicable and continue proceeding in the traffic lane.

17 [~~3~~] (c) The director of transportation and the counties
18 in their respective jurisdictions may cause official traffic-
19 control devices to be placed within or adjacent to intersections
20 and thereby require and direct that a different course from that
21 specified in this section be traveled by vehicles turning at an



1 intersection, and when such devices are so placed no driver of a
2 vehicle shall turn a vehicle at an intersection other than as
3 directed and required by such devices."

4 SECTION 3. Section 291C-84, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
5 amended to read as follows:

6 "§291C-84 Turning and bicycle proceeding movements and
7 required signals. (a) No person shall turn a vehicle at an
8 intersection unless the vehicle is in proper position upon the
9 roadway as required in section 291C-81, or turn a vehicle to
10 enter a private road or driveway, or otherwise turn a vehicle
11 from a direct course or move right or left upon a roadway unless
12 and until such movement can be made with reasonable safety. No
13 person shall so turn any vehicle without giving an appropriate
14 signal in the manner hereinafter provided.

15 (b) [A] Except as provided in subsection (c), a signal of
16 intention to turn right or left when required shall be given
17 continuously during not less than the last one hundred feet
18 traveled by the vehicle before turning; provided that for a
19 bicycle or moped, such signal shall be given continuously during
20 not less than the last one hundred feet traveled by the bicycle
21 or moped before turning, and shall be given when the bicycle or



1 moped is stopped waiting to turn; and further provided that a
2 signal by hand and arm need not be given continuously by the
3 driver of a bicycle or moped if the hand is needed in the
4 braking, control, or operation of the bicycle or moped.

5 (c) The driver of a bicycle proceeding in a right turn
6 only lane may continue proceeding through an intersection in the
7 direction of travel if the driver cannot with reasonable safety
8 merge left into the traffic lane prior to the intersection;
9 provided that the driver of bicycle shall make a signal of
10 intention to turn left, which in this circumstance shall
11 indicate the intention to merge left into the traffic lane as
12 soon as practicable and continue proceeding in the traffic lane.

13 [~~e~~] (d) No person shall stop or suddenly decrease the
14 speed of a vehicle without first giving an appropriate signal in
15 the manner provided herein to the driver of any vehicle
16 immediately to the rear when there is opportunity to give such
17 signal.

18 [~~d~~] (e) The signals provided for in section 291C-85(b)
19 shall be used to indicate an intention to turn, change lanes, or
20 start from a parked position and shall not be flashed on one
21 side only on a parked or disabled vehicle, or flashed as a



1 courtesy or "do pass" signal to operators of other vehicles
2 approaching from the rear."

3 SECTION 4. Section 291C-145, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4 amended to read as follows:

5 "§291C-145 Riding on roadways and bikeways. (a) Every
6 person operating a bicycle upon a roadway at a speed less than
7 the normal speed of traffic moving in the same direction at such
8 time shall ride as near to the right-hand curb, on the edge of
9 the roadway, or on the shoulder off of the roadway as
10 practicable, exercising due care when passing a standing vehicle
11 or one proceeding in the same direction; except under any of the
12 following situations:

- 13 (1) When preparing for a left turn at an intersection or
14 into a private road or driveway, except where
15 prohibited by official traffic-control devices;
- 16 (2) When reasonably necessary to avoid conditions
17 (including but not limited to fixed or moving objects,
18 vehicles, bicycles, pedestrians, animals, surface
19 hazards, or substandard width lanes) that make it
20 unsafe to continue along the right-hand curb, on the
21 edge of the roadway, or on the shoulder off of the



1 roadway. For purposes of this section, a "substandard
2 width lane" is a lane that is too narrow for a bicycle
3 and a vehicle to travel safely side-by-side within the
4 lane; or

5 (3) When a roadway is designated and signposted to carry
6 traffic in one direction only and has two or more
7 marked traffic lanes, a person operating a bicycle may
8 ride as near to the left-hand curb, on the edge of the
9 roadway, or on the shoulder off of such roadway as
10 practicable.

11 (b) When approaching an intersection where right turns are
12 permitted and there is a right turn only lane, a driver of a
13 bicycle may proceed in the right turn only lane even if the
14 driver of the bicycle does not intend to turn right; provided
15 that the driver of the bicycle shall not pass a vehicle that is
16 stopped in the right turn only lane; provided further that the
17 driver of the bicycle shall exercise reasonable safety when
18 passing a vehicle proceeding in the same direction in the right
19 turn only lane.

20 ~~(b)~~ (c) Persons riding bicycles upon a roadway shall
21 ride in single file; provided that where the flow of traffic is



1 unimpeded, riding two abreast upon bicycle lanes and bicycle
2 paths shall be permitted when such lane or path is of sufficient
3 width to allow riding two abreast unless otherwise prohibited by
4 rule or ordinance adopted by the director of transportation or
5 by the counties.

6 ~~[(e)]~~ (d) Whenever a usable bicycle lane has been provided
7 on a highway, any person operating a bicycle at a speed less
8 than the normal speed of traffic moving in the same direction at
9 such time shall ride within such bicycle lane, except that such
10 person may move out of the lane under any of the following
11 situations:

12 (1) When overtaking and passing another bicycle, vehicle,
13 or pedestrian within the lane or about to enter the
14 lane if such overtaking and passing cannot be done
15 safely within the lane;

16 (2) When preparing for a left turn at an intersection or
17 into a private road or driveway; or

18 (3) When reasonably necessary to leave the bicycle lane to
19 avoid debris or other hazardous conditions.

20 ~~[(d)]~~ (e) No person operating a bicycle shall leave a
21 bicycle lane until the movement can be made with reasonable



1 safety and then only after giving an appropriate signal in the
2 event that any vehicle may be affected by the movement.

3 ~~[(e)]~~ (f) No person shall operate or ride a bicycle within
4 a bicycle lane in any direction except that permitted of
5 vehicular traffic traveling on the same side of the highway.
6 Upon all bicycle paths of sufficient width and providing for
7 two-way movement of bicycle traffic, bicycles proceeding in
8 opposite directions shall pass each other to the right.

9 ~~[(f)]~~ (g) The director of transportation by rule and the
10 counties by ordinance may with respect to bikeways under their
11 respective jurisdictions restrict or prohibit the use of such
12 bikeways by mopeds.

13 ~~[(g)]~~ (h) No person shall ride a bicycle equipped with a
14 motor on any sidewalk. The counties may, by ordinance, post
15 bicycle lanes and bicycle paths to prevent persons riding a
16 bicycle equipped with a motor from using them."

17 SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
18 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

19 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



Report Title:

Bicycles; Traffic Safety; Right Turn Only Lanes

Description:

Permits a bicyclist to proceed through an intersection from a right turn only lane if they cannot safely merge into the traffic lane, provided they signal intention to merge left. Permits a bicyclist to proceed in a right turn only lane when approaching an intersection, even if they do not intend to turn right, provided that they do not pass a stopped vehicle and that they exercise reasonable safety when passing a moving vehicle.
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