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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 in regard to the:

A. equipment, maintenance and operation of the bicycle pursuant to Sections 66-3-701 through 66-3-707 NMSA 1978; or

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

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

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

A. The state transportation commission, with reference to state and county highways, and local

1 authorities, with reference to other highways under their  
2 jurisdiction, may designate through highways and erect stop  
3 signs or yield signs at specified entrances thereto or may  
4 designate any intersection as a stop intersection or as a  
5 yield intersection and erect stop signs or yield signs at one  
6 or more entrances to the intersection.

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

10 C. Except when directed to proceed by a police  
11 officer or traffic-control signal, every driver of a vehicle,  
12 other than a person riding a bicycle, approaching a stop  
13 intersection indicated by a stop sign shall stop before  
14 entering the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection  
15 or, in the event there is no crosswalk, shall stop at a  
16 clearly marked stop line, but if none, then at the point  
17 nearest the intersecting roadway before entering the  
18 intersection.

19 D. The driver of a vehicle approaching a yield  
20 sign, if required for safety to stop, shall stop before  
21 entering the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection  
22 or, in the event there is no crosswalk, at a clearly marked  
23 stop line, but if none, then at the point nearest the  
24 intersecting roadway where the driver has a view of  
25 approaching traffic on the intersecting roadway.

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

3           (1) a stop intersection indicated by a red  
4 traffic control signal shall stop before entering the  
5 crosswalk on the near side of the intersection or, in the  
6 event there is no crosswalk, shall stop at a clearly marked  
7 stop line, but if none, then at the point nearest the  
8 intersecting roadway before entering the intersection. After  
9 stopping, if there is no approaching pedestrian, bicycle or  
10 vehicle traffic with the right of way, the person riding a  
11 bicycle may proceed through the intersection without waiting  
12 for the traffic control signal to turn green; and

13           (2) an intersection with a stop sign or a  
14 yield sign, if there is no approaching pedestrian, bicycle or  
15 vehicle traffic with the right of way, the person riding  
16 a bicycle may proceed through the intersection without  
17 stopping. If required for safety to stop, the person riding a  
18 bicycle shall stop before entering the crosswalk on the near  
19 side of the intersection or, in the event there is no  
20 crosswalk, at a clearly marked stop line, but if none, then  
21 at the point nearest the intersecting roadway where the  
22 person riding a bicycle has a view of approaching traffic on  
23 the intersecting roadway."

24           SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the  
25 provisions of this act is July 1, 2025. \_\_\_\_\_