

HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE BILL 259

50TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2011

AN ACT

RELATING TO TRAFFIC REGULATIONS; REGULATING BICYCLE OPERATION  
AT INTERSECTIONS.

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~~] 66-3-701 through 66-3-708 NMSA 1978."

SECTION 2. A new Section 66-3-708 NMSA 1978 is enacted to  
read:

"66-3-708. [NEW MATERIAL] STOPPING AT INTERSECTIONS.--

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underscored material = new  
[bracketed material] = delete

1           A. A person operating a bicycle approaching a stop  
2 sign shall slow down and, if required for safety, stop before  
3 entering the intersection. After slowing to a reasonable speed  
4 or stopping, the person shall yield the right of way to any  
5 vehicle in the intersection or approaching the intersection on  
6 another highway so closely as to constitute an immediate hazard  
7 during the time the person would be moving across or within the  
8 intersection. A person after slowing to a reasonable speed and  
9 yielding the right of way if required may cautiously make a  
10 turn or proceed through the intersection without stopping.

11           B. A person operating a bicycle approaching a  
12 steady red traffic control light shall stop before entering the  
13 intersection and shall yield to all other traffic. Once the  
14 person has stopped and yielded, the person may proceed through  
15 the steady red light with caution; provided, however, that a  
16 person, after slowing to a reasonable speed and yielding the  
17 right of way if required, may cautiously make a right-hand  
18 turn. A left-hand turn onto a one-way highway may be made on a  
19 red light after stopping and yielding to other traffic."