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HOUSE BILL 197

43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1997

INTRODUCED BY

RICK MIERA

AN ACT

RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION; REMOVING THE REQUIREMENT THAT BICYCLE RIDERS USE SIDE PATHS ADJACENT TO ROADWAYS; AMENDING A SECTION OF THE NMSA 1978.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. Section 66-3-705 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1978, Chapter 35, Section 104) is amended to read:

"66-3-705. RIDING ON ROADWAYS AND BICYCLE PATHS. --

A. Every person operating a bicycle upon a roadway shall ride as near to the right side of the roadway as [~~practicable~~] practicable, exercising due care when passing a standing vehicle or one proceeding in the same direction.

B. [~~Person~~] Persons riding bicycles upon a roadway shall not ride more than two abreast except on paths or parts of roadways set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles.

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[~~C. Whenever a usable path for bicycles has been provided adjacent to a roadway, bicycle riders shall use such path and shall not use the roadway.~~]"

Section 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. -- The effective date of the provisions of this act is July 1, 1997.

**State of New Mexico**  
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9 **February 18, 1997**  
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11 **Mr. Speaker:**  
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13 **Your TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE, to whom has been**  
14 **referred**  
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18 **has had it under consideration and reports same with**  
19 **recommendation that it DO PASS, amended as follows:**

20 **1. On page 2, line 3, strike the closing quotation mark.**  
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22 **2. On page 2, between lines 3 and 4, insert the following**  
23 **new subsection:**  
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25 **"C. Notwithstanding any provision of this section, no**  
**bicycle shall be operated on any roadway in a manner that would**

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2 create a public safety hazard.",

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4 and thence referred to the APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCE  
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Respectfully submitted,

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Daniel P. Silva, Chairman

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Not Adopted \_\_\_\_\_

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

The roll call vote was 7 For 0 Against

Yes: 7

Excused: Larranaga, W. C. Williams

Absent: Olguin, Watchman, Whitaker

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**March 5, 1997**

**Mr. Speaker:**

**Your APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE, to  
whom has been referred**

**HOUSE BILL 197, as amended**

**has had it under consideration and reports same with  
recommendation that it DO PASS.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

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**Max Coll, Chairman**

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The roll call vote was 12 For 0 Against

Yes: 12

Excused: Bird, Marquardt, Picraux, Salazar, Watchman

Absent: None

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March 12, 1997

Mr. President:

Your CORPORATIONS & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE, to  
whom has been referred

HOUSE BILL 197, as amended

has had it under consideration and reports same with  
recommendation that it DO PASS.

Respectfully submitted,

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Roman M. Maes, III, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 8 For 0 Against

Yes: 8

No: 0

Excused: Fidel, Robinson

Absent: None

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