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SENATE BILL 614

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

INTRODUCED BY

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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 [~~praticable~~] 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.