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S.P. 614

In Senate, April 6, 2023

An Act to Increase Bicycle Safety by Allowing Cyclists to Treat Stop Signs as Yield Signs and Red Lights as Stop Signs

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Senators: CHIPMAN of Cumberland, MOORE of Washington,
Representatives: GEIGER of Rockland, SOBOLESKI of Phillips.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2063, sub-§11**, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 164, §7, is amended
3 to read:

4 **11. Traffic-control devices other than red lights.** A person operating a bicycle or
5 roller skis shall obey a traffic-control device other than a red light, unless otherwise directed
6 by a law enforcement officer. A traffic-control device conforming to the requirements for
7 these devices is presumed to comply with this chapter.

8 **Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §2063, sub-§11-A** is enacted to read:

9 **11-A. Red lights.** Unless directed to proceed by a law enforcement officer, a person
10 operating a bicycle or roller skis approaching a red light shall stop and:

11 A. Yield the right-of-way to a vehicle that has entered the intersection or that is
12 approaching so closely as to constitute an immediate hazard; and

13 B. Having yielded, a person operating a bicycle or roller skis may proceed. All other
14 operators approaching the intersection shall yield the right-of-way to the person
15 operating a bicycle or roller skis so proceeding.

16 **Sec. 3. 29-A MRSA §2063, sub-§12**, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 164, §7, is amended
17 to read:

18 **12. Stop signs.** Unless directed to proceed by a law enforcement officer or traffic-
19 control device, a person operating a bicycle or roller skis approaching a stop sign shall ~~stop~~
20 ~~and:~~

21 A. Yield the right-of-way to a vehicle that has entered the intersection or that is
22 approaching so closely as to constitute an immediate hazard; and

23 B. Having yielded, a person operating a bicycle or roller skis may proceed. All other
24 operators approaching the intersection shall yield the right-of-way to the person
25 operating a bicycle or roller skis so proceeding.

26 **SUMMARY**

27 This bill allows a person operating a bicycle or roller skis to yield at a stop sign and, at
28 a red light, to stop and then proceed if clear.