

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING BICYCLE SAFETY; TO ALLOW BICYCLISTS
TO YIELD AT STOP SIGNS AND RED LIGHTS UNDER CERTAIN
CIRCUMSTANCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

CONCERNING BICYCLE SAFETY; AND TO ALLOW
BICYCLISTS TO YIELD AT STOP SIGNS AND RED
LIGHTS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 27 is amended to add an additional
chapter to read as follows:

Chapter 4

Bicycles

27-4-101. Definitions.

As used in this chapter:

(1) "Bicycle" means a human-powered vehicle:

(A) With two (2) or more wheels in tandem, designed to
transport, by the act of pedaling, one (1) or more persons, seated on one (1)
or more saddle seats on its frame; and

(B) Used on a public road, bicycle path, or right-of-way;

and

(2) "Immediate hazard" means any vehicle approaching so near or
so quickly that a reasonably careful person would realize that there is a
danger of collision or accident.



27-4-102. Rights and duties.

A person operating a bicycle has the rights and duties applicable to a driver of a vehicle, unless:

- (1) A provision of this chapter alters a right or duty; or
- (2) A right or duty applicable to a driver of a vehicle cannot by its nature apply to a person operating a bicycle.

27-4-103. Entering a stop or yield intersection.

(a)(1) A person operating a bicycle approaching a stop sign shall:

- (A) Slow down;
- (B) If required to avoid an immediate hazard, stop at the stop sign before entering the intersection; and
- (C) Yield the right-of-way to oncoming traffic that constitutes an immediate hazard during the time that he or she is moving across or within the intersection.

(2) If a person operating a bicycle meets the requirements provided in subdivision (a)(1) of this section, he or she may cautiously make a right or left turn, or proceed through the intersection without stopping at the stop sign.

(b)(1) A person operating a bicycle approaching a steady red traffic control light shall:

- (A) Make a complete stop at the steady red traffic control light before entering the intersection; and
- (B) Yield the right-of-way to all oncoming traffic that constitutes an immediate hazard during the time that he or she is moving across or within the intersection.

(2) If a person operating a bicycle meets the requirements as provided in subdivision (b)(1) of this section, he or she may proceed through the steady red traffic control light with caution.

(3) However, a person operating a bicycle may make a:

- (A) Right-hand turn at a steady red traffic control light without stopping after slowing to a reasonable speed and yielding the right-of-way, if required, to oncoming traffic; or
- (B) Left-hand turn onto a one-way road at a steady red traffic control light after stopping and yielding to oncoming traffic.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 27-49-111 is amended to read as follows.

27-49-111. Use of ~~bicycles or~~ animals.

~~Every person riding a bicycle or an animal, or driving any animal drawing a vehicle upon a highway, shall have all the rights and all of the duties applicable to the driver of a vehicle, except those provisions of this act which by their nature can have no applicability.~~

A person riding an animal or driving any animal drawing a vehicle upon a highway has the rights and duties applicable to a driver of a vehicle, except any provision of this act that cannot by its nature apply to a person operating a bicycle.