



HOUSE BILL 959

BIKE LAWS EVERY CYCLIST NEEDS TO KNOW



THE 4 FOOT RULE & MORE

One of the most important parts of the bill allows vehicles to pass bicycles (and mopeds) in a no-passing zone, as long as these safety parameters are met:

- The bike is going in the same direction as the passing vehicle
- The driver of the passing vehicle provides a minimum distance of four feet from the bike
- The bike is not making a left turn or signaling for a left turn
- The driver of the passing car is compliant with all other requirements of the section



HAND SIGNALS ARE LEGAL

Cyclist hand signals (turn/stop) are “legal” and this bill puts responsibility on drivers to recognize and properly respond to those signals.



PROTECTED LIKE BIKERS!

House Bill 959 extends protections to cyclists that had previously been given just to motorcyclists; if a driver runs a bicyclist out of their lane or off the road, the driver is subject to a \$200 fine; if property damage or personal injury occurs, the fine is raised to \$500, and to \$750 for serious injuries, along with possible license suspensions.



SEEING RED

The new law requires a bicycle to have a red rear light or the operator to wear a reflective vest, when the bicycle is operated at night.

With House Bill 959, these changes are in place legislatively, but they can only have a real impact if people know about them. So spread the word and advocate for cycling safety!

Do You Have More Questions?

Call us at **1-800-396-3300**.

We're Henson Fuerst, your local personal injury attorneys, and we're cyclists, too.

Ride Safe. See you on the road!

