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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Transportation and Regional Governance Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to transportation; modifying provisions governing bicycle operation and
1.3 stopping; amending Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 169.222, subdivision 4, by
1.4 adding a subdivision.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 169.222, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 4. **Riding rules; general requirements.** (a) Every person operating a bicycle
1.8 ~~upon~~ on a roadway shall road must ride as close as ~~practicable~~ to the right-hand ~~curb or~~
1.9 ~~edge of the roadway road,~~ except under any of the following situations:

1.10 (1) when overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding in the same direction;

1.11 (2) when preparing for a left turn at an intersection or into a private road or driveway;

1.12 (3) when reasonably necessary to avoid conditions that make it unsafe to continue along
1.13 the right-hand edge, including to avoid fixed or moving objects, vehicles, pedestrians,
1.14 animals, surface hazards, or narrow width lanes, ~~that make it unsafe to continue along the~~
1.15 ~~right-hand curb or edge; or~~

1.16 (4) when operating on the shoulder of a roadway or in a bicycle lane; or

1.17 (5) when stopping at or preparing to cross an intersection where the lane farthest to the
1.18 right in the bicycle's direction of travel requires or allows a right-hand turn.

1.19 (b) If a bicycle is traveling on a shoulder of a roadway, the bicycle ~~shall~~ operator must
1.20 travel in the same direction as adjacent vehicular traffic.

2.1 (c) Persons riding bicycles upon a roadway or shoulder shall not ride more than two
2.2 abreast and shall not impede the normal and reasonable movement of traffic and, on a laned
2.3 roadway, shall ride within a single lane.

2.4 (d) A person operating a bicycle upon a sidewalk, or across a roadway or shoulder on a
2.5 crosswalk, shall yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian and shall give an audible signal
2.6 when necessary before overtaking and passing any pedestrian. No person shall ride a bicycle
2.7 upon a sidewalk within a business district unless permitted by local authorities. Local
2.8 authorities may prohibit the operation of bicycles on any sidewalk or crosswalk under their
2.9 jurisdiction.

2.10 (e) An individual operating a bicycle or other vehicle on a bikeway shall leave a safe
2.11 distance when overtaking a bicycle or individual proceeding in the same direction on the
2.12 bikeway, and shall maintain clearance until safely past the overtaken bicycle or individual.

2.13 (f) A person lawfully operating a bicycle on a sidewalk, or across a roadway or shoulder
2.14 on a crosswalk, shall have all the rights and duties applicable to a pedestrian under the same
2.15 circumstances.

2.16 (g) A person may operate an electric-assisted bicycle on the shoulder of a roadway, on
2.17 a bikeway, or on a bicycle trail if not otherwise prohibited under section 85.015, subdivision
2.18 1d; 85.018, subdivision 2, paragraph (d); or 160.263, subdivision 2, paragraph (b), as
2.19 applicable.

2.20 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 169.222, is amended by adding a subdivision to
2.21 read:

2.22 Subd. 4a. **Riding rules; stopping.** (a) A person operating a bicycle approaching a stop
2.23 sign must slow to a speed that enables stopping if necessary. After slowing, a person
2.24 operating a bicycle may proceed without stopping, whether to make a turn or continue in
2.25 the same direction, if (1) no pedestrian is crossing the roadway; and (2) no vehicle, whether
2.26 stopped or moving, is proceeding in a direction that constitutes an immediate hazard.

2.27 (b) A person operating a bicycle approaching a traffic-control signal displaying a steady
2.28 red indication at a T-intersection must slow to a speed that enables stopping if necessary.
2.29 After slowing, a person operating a bicycle may proceed without stopping if (1) the
2.30 movement does not require making a turn; (2) no pedestrian is crossing the roadway; and
2.31 (3) no vehicle, whether stopped or moving, is proceeding in a direction that constitutes an
2.32 immediate hazard.

3.1 (c) After a person operating a bicycle has stopped at a traffic-control signal displaying
3.2 a red indication, the person may proceed notwithstanding the red indication if (1) no
3.3 pedestrian is crossing the roadway; and (2) no vehicle, whether stopped or moving, is
3.4 proceeding in a direction that constitutes an immediate hazard. This paragraph applies to a
3.5 steady or flashing red indication, regardless of whether the illuminated red lens is circular
3.6 or an arrow.

3.7 (d) A person operating a bicycle under this subdivision must yield the right-of-way as
3.8 required under this chapter.