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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-SECOND SESSION

H. F. No. 3426

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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to public safety; requiring youth bicycle riders to ride against traffic;
1.3 amending Minnesota Statutes 2021 Supplement, section 169.222, subdivision 4.

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

1.5 Section 1. CITATION.

1.6 This act may be cited as "Blake's Law."

1.7 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2021 Supplement, section 169.222, subdivision 4, is amended
1.8 to read:

1.9 Subd. 4. Riding rules. (a) Every person operating a bicycle upon a roadway shall ride
1.10 as close as practicable to the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway except under any of
1.11 the following situations:

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

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

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

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

1.18 (5) when the operator is under the age of 18, the operator shall ride as close as practicable
1.19 to the left-hand curb or edge of the roadway.

2.1 (b) If a bicycle is traveling on a shoulder of a roadway, the bicycle shall travel in the
2.2 same direction as adjacent vehicular traffic, except persons under the age of 18 shall travel
2.3 in the opposite direction as adjacent vehicular traffic.

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

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

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