



# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

## FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 170

PRINTERS NO. 114

PRIME SPONSOR: Miller

### COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2010/11	FY 2011/12
Motor License Fund	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0

**SUMMARY:** Requires motor vehicles to observe a minimum 4 foot safe passing distance, at a reduced speed when possible, whenever overtaking bicycles on the roadway. The legislation also includes other provisions to enhance cycling safety on roadways. This legislation would take effect in 60 days.

**ANALYSIS:** This legislation would amend Section 3303 (relating to overtaking vehicles on the left) by adding a subsection that establishes a four-foot minimum passing distance for motor vehicles when passing bicycles. It amends Section 3331 (relating to required position and method of turning) by adding a subsection (e) (interference with pedalcycles) that prohibits motorists from making sudden right turns in front of a cyclist who is proceeding in the same direction.

This legislation would amend Section 3301 (relating to driving on right side of roadway) by adding a new subsection (c) (pedalcycles) to more clearly define the requirement that bicyclists operate on the far right side of the roadway when proceeding at less than the prevailing speed. The legislation amends Section 3364 (related to minimum speed regulation) by adding a subsection to specify that the minimum speed regulation applies only to motor vehicles and that bicycles are exempt as long as cyclists "proceed at a safe and reasonable speed appropriate for pedalcycles," and "use reasonable efforts so as not to impede the normal and reasonable movement of traffic."

**FISCAL IMPACT:** This legislation will have no adverse impact on Commonwealth funds. This legislation will have no adverse impact on local funds.

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**DATE:** May 20, 2011

*Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.*