

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

(Prefiled)

January 8, 2020

Introduced by Sen. MAY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to the operation of bicycles at stop signs and traffic-control signals

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. The vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new
2 section 1231-a to read as follows:

3 § 1231-a. Special provisions for bicycles. 1. Notwithstanding any
4 other provision of law, a person operating a bicycle approaching a stop
5 sign shall slow down and, if required for safety, stop before entering
6 the intersection. After slowing to a reasonable speed or stopping, the
7 person shall yield the right-of-way to any vehicle in the intersection
8 or approaching on another highway so closely as to constitute an immedi-
9 ate hazard during the time the person is moving across or within the
10 intersection or injunction of highways, except that a person after slow-
11 ing to a reasonable speed and yielding the right-of-way to vehicles,
12 other persons operating a bicycle and pedestrians if required, may
13 cautiously make a turn or proceed through the intersection without stop-
14 ping.

15 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a person operating a
16 bicycle approaching a steady red traffic-control signal shall stop
17 before entering the intersection and shall yield to all other traffic.
18 Once the person has stopped, the person may proceed through the steady
19 red traffic-control signal with caution. Provided, however, that a
20 person after slowing to a reasonable speed and yielding the right-of-way
21 if required, may cautiously make a right-hand turn. A left-hand turn
22 onto a one-way highway may be made on a red traffic-control signal after
23 stopping and yielding to other traffic.

24 § 2. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall
25 have become a law.

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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