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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

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RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- OPERATION OF BICYCLES

Introduced By: Representative Rebecca M. Kislak

Date Introduced: February 11, 2026

Referred To: House State Government & Elections

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 31-19-14 of the General Laws in Chapter 31-19 entitled "Operation
2 of Bicycles" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **31-19-14. Turn and stop signals.**

4 (a) Except as provided in this section, a person riding a bicycle shall comply with § 31-16-
5 5.

6 (b) A signal of intention to turn right or left when required shall be given continuously
7 during not less than the last one hundred feet (100') traveled by the bicycle before turning, and shall
8 be given while the bicycle is stopped waiting to turn. A signal by hand and arm need not be given
9 continuously if the hand is needed in control or operation of the bicycle.

10 (c) A person operating a bicycle approaching a stop sign shall slow down and, if required
11 for safety, stop before entering the intersection. After slowing to a reasonable speed or stopping,
12 the person shall yield the right-of-way to any vehicle in the intersection or approaching on another
13 highway so closely as to constitute an immediate hazard during the time the person is moving across
14 or within the intersection or junction of highways. After slowing to a reasonable speed and yielding
15 the right-of-way, if required, the person operating a bicycle may cautiously make a turn or proceed
16 through the intersection without stopping.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would require bicyclists to slow or stop at a stop sign and yield to vehicular traffic.
- 2 This act would take effect upon passage.

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