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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2025

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RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- OPERATION OF BICYCLES

Introduced By: Representatives Speakman, and Spears

Date Introduced: January 24, 2025

Referred To: House State Government & Elections

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 31-19 of the General Laws entitled "Operation of Bicycles" is hereby
2 amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **31-19-6.1. Bicycle trail or path regulation.**

4 (a) Bicycle path users shall observe all traffic rules and signs.

5 (b) All users, including bicyclists, pedestrians, joggers, inline skaters, roller skaters,
6 skateboarders, scooter riders and any authorized electric motorized vehicle users, shall stay to the
7 right while using the bike path.

8 (c) Passing on the bike path is always on the left when safe to do so.

9 (d) Hand signals and verbal notification is required when passing others.

10 (e) The Rhode Island department of transportation has jurisdiction over the bike paths in
11 Rhode Island and shall promulgate and enforce rules and regulations necessary for the
12 implementation of this section.

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

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would require anyone using a bicycle trail or path to stay to the right on the path
- 2 and would always pass on the left when safe to do so.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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