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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT CONCERNING BICYCLE SAFETY; TO ALLOW BICYCLISTS
9 TO YIELD AT STOP SIGNS AND RED LIGHTS UNDER CERTAIN
10 CIRCUMSTANCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

12 CONCERNING BICYCLE SAFETY; AND TO ALLOW
13 BICYCLISTS TO YIELD AT STOP SIGNS AND RED
14 LIGHTS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 27 is amended to add an additional
22 chapter to read as follows:

23 Chapter 4

24 Bicycles

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26 27-4-101. Definitions.

27 As used in this chapter:

28 (1) "Bicycle" means a human-powered vehicle:

29 (A) With two (2) or more wheels in tandem, designed to
30 transport, by the act of pedaling, one (1) or more persons, seated on one (1)
31 or more saddle seats on its frame; and

32 (B) Used on a public road, bicycle path, or right-of-way;

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34 (2) "Immediate hazard" means any vehicle approaching so near or
35 so quickly that a reasonably careful person would realize that there is a
36 danger of collision or accident.



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2 27-4-102. Rights and duties.

3 A person operating a bicycle has the rights and duties applicable to a
4 driver of a vehicle, unless:

5 (1) A provision of this chapter alters a right or duty; or

6 (2) A right or duty applicable to a driver of a vehicle cannot
7 by its nature apply to a person operating a bicycle.

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9 27-4-103. Entering a stop or yield intersection.

10 (a)(1) A person operating a bicycle approaching a stop sign shall:

11 (A) Slow down;

12 (B) If required to avoid an immediate hazard, stop at the
13 stop sign before entering the intersection; and

14 (C) Yield the right-of-way to oncoming traffic that
15 constitutes an immediate hazard during the time that he or she is moving
16 across or within the intersection.

17 (2) If a person operating a bicycle meets the requirements
18 provided in subdivision (a)(1) of this section, he or she may cautiously make
19 a right or left turn, or proceed through the intersection without stopping at
20 the stop sign.

21 (b)(1) A person operating a bicycle approaching a steady red traffic
22 control light shall:

23 (A) Make a complete stop at the steady red traffic control
24 light before entering the intersection; and

25 (B) Yield the right-of-way to all oncoming traffic that
26 constitutes an immediate hazard during the time that he or she is moving
27 across or within the intersection.

28 (2) If a person operating a bicycle meets the requirements as
29 provided in subdivision (b)(1) of this section, he or she may proceed through
30 the steady red traffic control light with caution.

31 (3) However, a person operating a bicycle may make a:

32 (A) Right-hand turn at a steady red traffic control light
33 without stopping after slowing to a reasonable speed and yielding the right-
34 of-way, if required, to oncoming traffic; or

35 (B) Left-hand turn onto a one-way road at a steady red
36 traffic control light after stopping and yielding to oncoming traffic.

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SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 27-49-111 is amended to read as follows.

27-49-111. Use of ~~bicycles or~~ animals.

~~Every person riding a bicycle or an animal, or driving any animal drawing a vehicle upon a highway, shall have all the rights and all of the duties applicable to the driver of a vehicle, except those provisions of this act which by their nature can have no applicability.~~

A person riding an animal or driving any animal drawing a vehicle upon a highway has the rights and duties applicable to a driver of a vehicle, except any provision of this act that cannot by its nature apply to a person operating a bicycle.