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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 388

## 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; TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE USE OF  
11 BICYCLES, ELECTRIC BICYCLES, AND ANIMALS ON PUBLIC  
12 ROADS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

16 CONCERNING BICYCLE SAFETY; TO ALLOW  
17 BICYCLISTS TO YIELD AT STOP SIGNS AND RED  
18 LIGHTS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; AND  
19 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE USE OF  
20 BICYCLES, ELECTRIC BICYCLES, AND ANIMALS  
21 ON PUBLIC ROADS.

24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 27, Chapter 51, is amended to add an  
27 additional subchapter to read as follows:

### Subchapter 18

#### - Bicycles

#### 27-51-1801. Definitions.

#### As used in this subchapter:

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

(A) With two (2) or more wheels in tandem, designed to  
transport by the act of pedaling one (1) or more persons seated on one (1) or



1 more saddle seats on its frame; and

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

3 and

4 (2) "Immediate hazard" means a vehicle approaching a person  
5 operating a bicycle at a proximity and rate of speed sufficient to indicate  
6 to a reasonably careful person would that there is a danger of collision or  
7 accident.

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9 27-51-1802. Rights and duties.

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

12 (1) A provision of this subchapter alters a right or duty; or

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

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16 27-51-1803. Entering stop or yield intersection.

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

18 (A) Slow down;

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

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

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

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

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

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

35 (2) If a person operating a bicycle meets the requirements as  
36 provided in subdivision (b)(1) of this section, he or she may proceed through

1 the steady red traffic control light with caution.

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

3 (A) Right-hand turn at a steady red traffic control light  
4 without stopping after slowing to a reasonable speed and yielding the right-  
5 of-way, if required, to oncoming traffic that constitutes an immediate  
6 hazard; or

7 (B) Left-hand turn onto a one-way road at a steady red  
8 traffic control light after stopping and yielding to oncoming traffic that  
9 constitutes an immediate hazard.

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11 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 27-49-111 is amended to read as follows.  
12 27-49-111. Use of ~~bicycles, electric bicycles, or~~ animals.

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

17 A person riding an animal or driving any animal drawing a vehicle upon  
18 a highway has the rights and duties applicable to a driver of a vehicle.