

MISSISSIPPI LAWS RELATING TO BICYCLES

The use of any controlled access facility by pedestrians, bicycles, hitchhikers, ridden or herded animals and animal drawn vehicles is prohibited.

SOURCE: Minutes of Meeting of Highway Commission, April 14, 1970.

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As Amended

SEC. 63-3-207. Applicability of chapter to persons riding bicycles or animals or driving animal-drawn vehicles.

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

SOURCES: Codes, 1942, Sec. 8149; Laws, 1938, ch. 200; 1983, ch. 350, Sec. 2, eff from and after July 1, 1983.

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As Amended

SEC. 63-3-603. Driving on roadways laned for traffic.

(e) Persons riding bicycles upon a roadway shall not ride more than two (2) abreast except on paths or parts of roadways set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles. Persons riding two (2) abreast shall not impede the normal and reasonable movement of traffic and, on a laned roadway, shall ride within a single lane.

SOURCES: Codes, 1942, Sec. 8187; Laws, 1938, ch. 200; 1977, ch. 321, Sec. 1; 1983, ch. 350, Sec. 3, eff from and after July 1, 1983.

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As Amended

SEC. 63-7-13. Requirements as to lighting equipment. (4) Lamps on bicycles. Every bicycle shall be equipped with a lighted white lamp on the front thereof visible under normal atmospheric conditions from a distance of at least five hundred feet in front of such bicycle and shall also be equipped with a reflex mirror reflector or lamp on the rear exhibiting a red light visible under like conditions from a distance of at least five hundred feet to the rear of such bicycle.

SOURCES: Codes, 1942, Sec. 8229-01; Laws, 1938, ch. 200; 1948, ch. 343, Sec. 9; 1956, ch. 381; 1968, ch. 543, Sec. 1, eff from and after passage (approved May 15, 1968).

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As Amended

SEC. 63-7-65. Horns and other warning devices.

(3) No vehicle shall be equipped with nor shall any person use upon a vehicle any siren, whistle, or bell, except as otherwise permitted in this section. No bicycle shall be equipped with nor shall any person use upon a bicycle any siren or whistle.

SOURCES: Codes, 1942, Sec. 8250; Laws, 1938, ch. 200; 1994, ch. 324, Sec. 1, eff from and after July 1, 1994

SEC. 63-3-1112. Duty of driver to avoid collision with pedestrian or person propelling human-powered vehicle; warning signal.

Notwithstanding other provisions of this chapter or the provisions of any local ordinance, every driver of a vehicle shall exercise due care to avoid colliding with any pedestrian or any person propelling a human-powered vehicle and shall give an audible signal when necessary and shall exercise proper precaution upon observing any child or any obviously confused, incapacitated or intoxicated person.

SOURCES: Laws, 1983, ch. 350, Sec. 6, eff from and after July 1, 1983

RULE NO.: 941 - 7501 - 09001

Agency: Mississippi Department of Transportation

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Secretary of State Authority Date: May 15, 2005

Supercedes Rule:

Division: MAINTENANCE

Rule Title: Rules, Regulations and Ordinances Governing Use of State Highways of Mississippi

The person to be contacted regarding the proposed rule is: Facility and Records Management Director

Name of person originating the proposed rule: John Vance

Name of supervisor or person who approved the proposed rule: Melinda McGrath

Purpose:

To regulate the use of State highways in order that they be preserved for public benefit as intended by law and to carry out the Mississippi Transportation Commission's agreements with the Federal Government regarding maintenance and preservation of completed highways.

Summary:

This rule sets forth the requirements necessary to regulate the use of State highways in order that they be preserved for public benefit as intended by law and to carry out the Mississippi Transportation Commission's agreements with the Federal Government regarding maintenance and preservation of completed highways.

The portion of the text of interest to the Cyclist or Pedestrian:

RULES, REGULATIONS AND ORDINANCES

12. The use of any fully controlled access (see definitions) facility by pedestrians, bicycles, hitchhikers, ridden or herded animals and animal drawn vehicles is prohibited. The use of any such fully controlled access facility by motor bicycles, non-motorized vehicles or any other vehicle unable to comply with the posted minimum speed limit is also prohibited. It shall be unlawful for any person to fish from any bridge, culvert or other structure on a state highway.

DEFINITIONS

CONTROL OF ACCESS: The condition where the right of owners or occupants of abutting land or other persons to access, light, air, or view in connection with a highway is fully or partially controlled by public authority. Full control of access means that the authority to control access is exercised to give preference to through traffic by providing access connections with selected public roads only and by prohibiting crossings at grade or direct private driveway connections. Partial control of access means that the authority to control access is exercised to give preference to through traffic to a degree that, in addition to access connections with selected public roads, there may be some crossings at grade and some private driveway connections.

The full text of the rule is:

http://www.gomdot.com/apa_data/apa_rules/PDF_Record/maintenance/941-7501-09001/941-7501-09001.pdf