

House Bill 422 (COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE)

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 7 of Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
2 relating to negotiating railroad crossings and entering highways from private driveways, so  
3 as to authorize local governments by ordinance or resolution to authorize the operation of  
4 bicycles on sidewalks by certain persons within the jurisdiction of such local governments;  
5 to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Article 7 of Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
9 negotiating railroad crossings and entering highways from private driveways, is amended by  
10 revising Code Section 40-6-144, relating to emerging from alley, driveway, or building, as  
11 follows:

12 "40-6-144.

13 The driver of a vehicle emerging from an alley, building, private road, or driveway within  
14 a business or residential district shall stop such vehicle immediately prior to driving onto  
15 a sidewalk or onto the sidewalk area extending across such alley, building entrance, road,  
16 or driveway or, in the event there is no sidewalk area, shall stop at the point nearest the  
17 street to be entered where the driver has a view of approaching traffic thereon. The driver  
18 of a vehicle shall yield the right of way to any pedestrian on a sidewalk. ~~No~~ Except as  
19 provided by resolution or ordinance of a local government for sidewalks within the  
20 jurisdiction of such local government authorizing the operation of bicycles on sidewalks  
21 by persons 12 years of age or younger, no person shall drive any vehicle upon a sidewalk  
22 or sidewalk area except upon a permanent or duly authorized driveway."

23 **SECTION 2.**

24 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.