

House Bill 988

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 3 of Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
2 relating to driving on the right side of the roadway, overtaking and passing, and following  
3 too closely, so as to require the operator of a motor vehicle to leave a safe distance between  
4 such motor vehicle and a bicycle when such vehicle is passing the bicycle; to provide for a  
5 definition; 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 3 of Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
9 driving on the right side of the roadway, overtaking and passing, and following too closely,  
10 is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

11 "40-6-55.

12 (a) As used in this Code section, the term 'safe distance' means not less than three feet.

13 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of this article to the contrary, the operator of a motor  
14 vehicle, when overtaking and passing a bicycle that is proceeding in the same direction on  
15 the roadway, shall leave a safe distance between such vehicle and the bicycle and shall  
16 maintain such clearance until safely past the overtaken bicycle."

17 **SECTION 2.**

18 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.