

House Bill 393

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 40-6-291 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 traffic laws applicable to bicycles, operation upon paved shoulder, and signaling of right
3 hand turns, so as to require bicyclists to provide a signal of intention to turn absent certain
4 circumstances; to provide for standards of operation for bicyclists approaching certain
5 intersections with stop signs; to provide for related matters; to provide for a short title; to
6 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Safer Cycling in Georgia Act."

10 **SECTION 2.**

11 Code Section 40-6-291 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to traffic laws
12 applicable to bicycles, operation upon paved shoulder, and signaling of right hand turns, is
13 amended by revising subsection (c) and by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

14 "(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, Any any person operating a bicycle may
15 shall signal a right turn with his or her right arm and hand extended horizontally or with

16 his or her left hand and arm extended upward: and shall signal a left turn with his or her left
17 hand and arm extended horizontally not less than 100 feet prior to such person completing
18 the turn; provided, however, that no arm and hand signals shall be required when doing so
19 would create an unsafe condition as to endanger any person.

20 (d) Any person operating a bicycle while approaching a stop sign at an intersection or
21 junction with a highway with two or fewer lanes shall slow down to a speed reasonable for
22 the existing conditions and, if required for safety, shall stop at the point nearest the
23 roadway of such intersection or junction where the operator of the bicycle has a view of
24 approaching traffic before entering such intersection or junction. After slowing to a
25 reasonable speed or stopping, the operator of the bicycle shall yield the right of way to any
26 vehicle in the intersection or junction or approaching on another highway so closely as to
27 constitute an immediate hazard during the time the operator of the bicycle is moving across
28 or within the intersection or junction; provided, however, that, after slowing to a reasonable
29 speed, the operator of the bicycle may make a turn or proceed through an intersection or
30 junction without stopping when no other vehicle is approaching the intersection or junction
31 so closely as to constitute a hazard for the operator of the bicycle to turn or proceed."

32 **SECTION 3.**

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