

## SENATE BILL No. 72

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### DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 9-21-8-5.5.

**Synopsis:** Safe distance for vehicles overtaking bicycles. Requires the driver of a vehicle, when passing a bicycle that is proceeding in the same direction as the vehicle, to maintain a safe distance of at least three feet between the vehicle and the bicycle. (A violation of this requirement is a Class C infraction under IC 9-21-8-49.).

**Effective:** July 1, 2018.

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January 3, 2018, read first time and referred to Committee on Corrections and Criminal Law.

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Introduced

Second Regular Session 120th General Assembly (2018)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2017 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning motor vehicles.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1       SECTION 1. IC 9-21-8-5.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
3 1, 2018]: **Sec. 5.5. When a vehicle passes a bicycle that is**  
4 **proceeding in the same direction as the vehicle, the driver of the**  
5 **vehicle must maintain a safe distance of at least three (3) feet**  
6 **between the vehicle and the bicycle during the entire time that the**  
7 **vehicle is passing the bicycle.**

