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HOUSE BILL NO. 298

BY REPRESENTATIVE BALDONE

MOTOR VEHICLES: Allows persons riding bicycles upon a roadway, which includes an improved shoulder, the option of riding on the improved shoulder

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 32:197, relative to roadways and bicycle paths; to allow persons
3 riding bicycles upon a roadway the option of riding a bicycle on the improved
4 shoulder under certain circumstances; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 32:197 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §197. Riding on roadways and bicycle paths

8 A. Every person operating a bicycle upon a roadway shall ride as near to the
9 right side of the roadway as practicable, exercising due care when passing a standing
10 vehicle or one proceeding in the same direction.

11 B. Persons riding bicycles upon a roadway, which includes an improved
12 shoulder, may ride upon the improved shoulder.

13 ~~B.C.~~ Persons riding bicycles upon a roadway shall not ride more than two
14 abreast except on paths or parts of roadways set aside for the exclusive use of
15 bicycles.

16 ~~C.D.~~ Whenever a usable path for bicycles has been provided adjacent to a
17 roadway, bicycle riders shall use such path and shall not use the roadway.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Allows persons riding bicycles on a roadway, which includes an improved shoulder, the option of riding on the improved shoulder.

Present law requires persons riding bicycles on the road to ride as near to the right side of the roadway as practicable, exercising care when passing a vehicle proceeding in the same direction.

Present law requires that persons riding bicycles ride no more than two abreast and further requires that whenever a usable path for bicycles is adjacent to a roadway, bicycles riders use that path rather than the roadway.

Proposed law allows persons riding bicycles on a roadway, which includes an improved shoulder, the option of riding on the improved shoulder.

(Amends R.S. 32:197)