

Senate Bill No. 248—Senators Parks, Lee; Breeden, Copening, Denis, Horsford, Kihuen, Leslie, Manendo, Schneider and Wiener

Joint Sponsor: Assemblyman Anderson

CHAPTER.....

AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; revising the manner in which drivers of motor vehicles may overtake and pass bicycles or electric bicycles; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

Existing law prohibits the driver of a motor vehicle from overtaking and passing a bicycle or an electric bicycle unless the driver can do so safely without endangering the person riding the bicycle or electric bicycle. (NRS 484B.270) This bill requires a driver of a motor vehicle to overtake and pass a bicycle or an electric bicycle proceeding in the same direction by: (1) moving the vehicle into the immediate left lane, if there is more than one lane traveling in the same direction and it is safe to move into the lane; or (2) passing to the left of the bicycle or electric bicycle at a distance of not less than 3 feet from the bicycle or electric bicycle.

EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN  
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1.** NRS 484B.270 is hereby amended to read as follows:

484B.270 1. The driver of a motor vehicle shall not ~~intentionally~~ *intentionally* interfere with the movement of a person lawfully riding a bicycle or an electric bicycle . ~~intentionally~~

~~(b) Overtake and pass a person riding a bicycle or an electric bicycle unless the driver can do so safely without endangering the person riding the bicycle or electric bicycle.~~

2. *When overtaking or passing a bicycle or electric bicycle proceeding in the same direction, the driver of a motor vehicle shall exercise due care and:*

*(a) If there is more than one lane for traffic proceeding in the same direction, move the vehicle to the lane to the immediate left, if the lane is available and moving into the lane is reasonably safe; or*

*(b) If there is only one lane for traffic proceeding in the same direction, pass to the left of the bicycle or electric bicycle at a safe distance, which must be not less than 3 feet between any portion of*



*the vehicle and the bicycle or electric bicycle, and shall not move again to the right side of the highway until the vehicle is safely clear of the overtaken bicycle or electric bicycle.*

3. The driver of a motor vehicle shall yield the right-of-way to any person riding a bicycle or an electric bicycle on the pathway or lane. The driver of a motor vehicle shall not enter, stop, stand, park or drive within a pathway or lane provided for bicycles or electric bicycles except:

- (a) When entering or exiting an alley or driveway;
- (b) When operating or parking a disabled vehicle;
- (c) To avoid conflict with other traffic;
- (d) In the performance of official duties;
- (e) In compliance with the directions of a police officer; or
- (f) In an emergency.

~~[3-]~~ 4. Except as otherwise provided in subsection ~~[2-]~~ 3, the driver of a motor vehicle shall not enter or proceed through an intersection while driving within a pathway or lane provided for bicycles or electric bicycles.

~~[4-]~~ 5. The driver of a motor vehicle shall:

- (a) Exercise due care to avoid a collision with a person riding a bicycle or an electric bicycle; and
- (b) Give an audible warning with the horn of the vehicle if appropriate and when necessary to avoid such a collision.

~~[5-]~~ 6. The operator of a bicycle or an electric bicycle shall not:

- (a) Intentionally interfere with the movement of a motor vehicle;
- or
- (b) Overtake and pass a motor vehicle unless the operator can do so safely without endangering himself or herself or the occupants of the motor vehicle.

