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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—1999–2000 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 134

Introduced by Assembly Member Thomson
(Coauthor: Senator Perata)

January 7, 1999

~~An act to amend Sections 21450 and 39004 of, An act to amend Section 39004 of, to amend, repeal, and add Section 21450 of, and to add and repeal Sections 21456.2 and 21456.3 of, the Vehicle Code, relating to transportation.~~

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 134, as amended, Thomson. Transportation: bicycles.

(1) Existing law requires lights shown by official traffic control signals to apply to drivers of vehicles and pedestrians.

This bill, *until January 1, 2005*, would apply color-lighted bicycle symbols, as specified in the bill, shown by official traffic control signals, to the above provisions. The bill would require that bicycle signals be used only at locations that meet specified standards adopted by the Department of Transportation. The bill ~~would~~ also, *until January 1, 2005*, *would* include operators of bicycles within the scope of the ~~provision~~ *provisions*. Because this bill would expand the scope of an existing crime, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

(2) Existing law allows cities and counties to adopt ordinances or resolutions governing the licensing and registration of bicycles. Existing law sets forth a fee schedule for license and registration certificates ~~and limits the amount of fine that may be imposed for a violation of those ordinances to \$10.~~

This bill would double the amounts on the fee schedule for license and registration certificates.

(3) The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 21450 of the Vehicle Code is
2 amended to read:

3 21450. (a) Whenever traffic is controlled by official
4 traffic control signals showing different colored lights,
5 color-lighted arrows, or color-lighted bicycle symbols,
6 successively, one at a time, or in combination, only the
7 colors green, yellow, and red shall be used, except for
8 pedestrian control signals, and those lights shall indicate
9 and apply to drivers of vehicles, operators of bicycles, and
10 pedestrians as provided in this chapter.

11 (b) *This section shall remain in effect only until*
12 *January 1, 2005, and as of that date is repealed, unless a*
13 *later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1,*
14 *2005, deletes or extends that date.*

15 SEC. 1.5. Section 21450 is added to the Vehicle Code,
16 to read:

17 21450. (a) *Whenever traffic is controlled by official*
18 *traffic control signals showing different colored lights, or*
19 *colored lighted arrows, successively, one at a time, or in*
20 *combination, only the colors green, yellow, and red shall*
21 *be used, except for pedestrian control signals, and those*



1 *lights shall indicate and apply to drivers of vehicles and*
2 *pedestrians as provided in this chapter.*

3 *(b) This section shall become operative on January 1,*
4 *2005.*

5 SEC. 2. Section 21456.2 is added to the Vehicle Code,
6 to read:

7 21456.2. (a) Unless otherwise directed by a bicycle
8 signal as provided in Section 21456.3, an operator of a
9 bicycle shall obey the provisions of this article applicable
10 to the driver of a vehicle.

11 (b) Whenever an official traffic control signal
12 exhibiting different colored bicycle symbols is shown
13 concurrently with official traffic control signals exhibiting
14 different colored lights or arrows, an operator of a bicycle
15 facing those traffic control signals shall obey the bicycle
16 signals as provided in Section 21456.3.

17 *(c) This section shall remain in effect only until*
18 *January 1, 2005, and as of that date is repealed, unless a*
19 *later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1,*
20 *2005, deletes or extends that date.*

21 SEC. 3. Section 21456.3 is added to the Vehicle Code,
22 to read:

23 21456.3. (a) An operator of a bicycle facing a green
24 bicycle signal shall proceed straight through or turn right
25 or left or make a U-turn unless a sign prohibits a U-turn.
26 An operator of a bicycle, including one turning, shall yield
27 the right-of-way to other traffic and to pedestrians
28 lawfully within the intersection or an adjacent crosswalk.

29 (b) An operator of a bicycle facing a steady yellow
30 bicycle signal is, by that signal, warned that the related
31 green movement is ending or that a red indication will be
32 shown immediately thereafter.

33 (c) Except as provided in subdivision (d), an operator
34 of a bicycle facing a steady red bicycle signal shall stop at
35 a marked limit line, but if none, before entering the
36 crosswalk on the near side of the intersection, or, if none,
37 then before entering the intersection, and ~~shall~~ *may*
38 remain stopped until an indication to proceed is shown.

39 (d) Except when a sign is in place prohibiting a turn,
40 an operator of a bicycle, after stopping as required by



1 subdivision (c), facing a steady red bicycle signal, may
2 turn right, or turn left from a one-way street onto a
3 one-way street. An operator of a bicycle making a turn
4 shall yield the right-of-way to pedestrians lawfully within
5 an adjacent crosswalk and to traffic lawfully using the
6 intersection.

7 (e) A bicycle signal shall be used only at those locations
8 that meet geometric standards or traffic volume
9 standards, or both, as adopted by the Department of
10 Transportation.

11 (f) *This section shall remain in effect only until*
12 *January 1, 2005, and as of that date is repealed unless a*
13 *later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1,*
14 *2005, deletes or extends that date.*

15 SEC. 4. Section 39004 of the Vehicle Code is amended
16 to read:

17 39004. Each licensing agency, by ordinance or
18 resolution, may adopt rules and regulations for the
19 collection of license fees. Revenues from license fees shall
20 be retained by the licensing city or county and shall be
21 used for the support of such bicycle ordinance or
22 resolution, and may be used to reimburse retailers for
23 services rendered. In addition, fees collected shall be used
24 to improve bicycle safety programs and establish bicycle
25 facilities, including bicycle paths and lanes, within the
26 limits of the jurisdiction.

27 The fees required to be paid pursuant to this division
28 are *as follows*:

29 (a) For each new bicycle license and registration
30 certificate, the sum shall not exceed four dollars (\$4) per
31 year or any portion thereof.

32 (b) For each transfer of registration certificate, the
33 sum shall not exceed two dollars (\$2).

34 (c) For each replacement of a bicycle license or
35 registration certificate, the sum shall not exceed two
36 dollars (\$2).

37 (d) For each bicycle license renewal, the sum shall not
38 exceed two dollars (\$2) per year.

39 SEC. 5. No reimbursement is required by this act
40 pursuant to Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California



1 Constitution because the only costs that may be incurred
2 by a local agency or school district will be incurred
3 because this act creates a new crime or infraction,
4 eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty
5 for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section
6 17556 of the Government Code, or changes the definition
7 of a crime within the meaning of Section 6 of Article
8 XIII B of the California Constitution.

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