

**ASSEMBLY, No. 1541**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**219th LEGISLATURE**

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PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2020 SESSION

**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblyman WILLIAM W. SPEARMAN**

**District 5 (Camden and Gloucester)**

**SYNOPSIS**

Permits person operating bicycle approaching stop sign to reduce speed instead of stopping, unless required for safety, before entering intersection.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1   **AN ACT** concerning the operation of bicycles and supplementing  
2       Title 39 of the Revised Statutes.

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4       **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*  
5       *of New Jersey:*

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7       1. A person operating a bicycle approaching a stop sign shall  
8       reduce speed and, if required for safety, stop before entering the  
9       intersection. If a stop is not required for safety, the person shall  
10      slow to a reasonable speed and yield the right-of-way to any vehicle  
11      in the intersection or approaching the intersection as to constitute an  
12      immediate hazard during the time the person is moving across or  
13      within the intersection. After the person has slowed to a reasonable  
14      speed and yielded the right-of-way if required, the person may  
15      cautiously make a turn or proceed through the intersection without  
16      stopping.

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18      2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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23      This bill permits a person operating a bicycle approaching a stop  
24      sign to reduce their speed, instead of stopping, unless required for  
25      safety, before entering the intersection. Under the bill, if a stop is  
26      not required for safety, the person would slow to a reasonable speed  
27      and yield the right-of-way to any vehicle in the intersection or  
28      approaching the intersection so closely as to present an immediate  
29      hazard to the person. After the person has slowed to a reasonable  
30      speed and yielded the right-of-way if required, the person may  
31      cautiously make a turn or proceed through the intersection without  
32      stopping.

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    This bill is based on an Idaho statute.