

HB 317 INTRODUCED BY GRADY
REQUIRE BICYCLES ON HIGHWAYS BE EQUIPPED WITH
SLOW-MOVING VEHICLE SIGNS

1/20 INTRODUCED
1/20 REFERRED TO HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION
2/03 HEARING
2/03 TABLED IN COMMITTEE

1 House BILL NO. 317
2 INTRODUCED BY Grealy

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT
5 BICYCLES OPERATED ON HIGHWAYS OR PUBLIC ROADS BE EQUIPPED
6 WITH A SLOW-MOVING VEHICLE SIGN; AND AMENDING SECTION
7 61-8-607, MCA."

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9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

10 Section 1. Section 61-8-607, MCA, is amended to read:

11 "61-8-607. Lamps and other equipment on bicycles. (1)
12 Every bicycle when in use at nighttime shall be equipped
13 with a lamp on the front which shall emit a white light
14 visible from a distance of at least 500 feet to the front. A
15 lamp emitting a red light visible from a distance of 500
16 feet to the rear may be used in addition to rear-facing
17 reflectors required by this section.

18 (2) Every bicycle when in use at nighttime shall be
19 equipped with an essentially colorless front-facing
20 reflector, essentially colorless or amber pedal reflectors,
21 and a red rear-facing reflector. Pedal reflectors shall be
22 mounted on the front and back of each pedal.

23 (3) Every bicycle when in use at nighttime shall be
24 equipped with either tires with retroreflective sidewalls or
25 reflectors mounted on the spokes of each wheel. Spoke

1 mounted reflectors shall be within 76 millimeters (3 inches)
2 of the inside of the rim and shall be visible on each side
3 of the wheel. The reflectors on the front wheel shall be
4 essentially colorless or amber and the reflectors on the
5 rear wheel shall be amber or red.

6 (4) Reflectors required by this section shall be of a
7 type approved by the department.

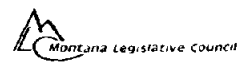
8 (5) Every bicycle shall be equipped with a brake which
9 will enable the operator to make the braked wheels skid on
10 dry, level, clean pavement.

11 (6) Every bicycle is encouraged to be equipped with a
12 flag clearly visible from the rear and suspended not less
13 than 6 feet above the roadway when the bicycle is standing
14 upright. The flag shall be fluorescent orange in color.

15 (7) Every bicycle operated on any highway or public
16 road shall be equipped with a sign, approved by the
17 department and clearly visible to the occupants of other
18 vehicles, which identifies the bicycle as a slow-moving
19 vehicle."

20 NEW SECTION. Section 2. Extension of authority. Any
21 existing authority of the department of justice to make
22 rules on the subject of the provisions of this act is
23 extended to the provisions of this act.

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