

HB 319 INTRODUCED BY HANSEN, S., ET AL.
REQUIRE DRIVER TO YIELD TO PEDESTRIANS WITHIN
CROSSWALKS AT INTERSECTION

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1/20 REFERRED TO HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION
2/03 HEARING
2/10 TABLED IN COMMITTEE

1 House BILL NO. 319
 2 INTRODUCED BY Steve Sanderson, Corni, Stang
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 4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DRIVER
 5 OF A MOTOR VEHICLE TO YIELD TO PEDESTRIANS CROSSING THE
 6 ROADWAY WITHIN MARKED OR UNMARKED CROSSWALKS AT AN
 7 INTERSECTION; AND AMENDING SECTION 61-8-502, MCA."

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 9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:
 10 Section 1. Section 61-8-502, MCA, is amended to read:
 11 "61-8-502. Pedestrians' right-of-way in crosswalk. (1)
 12 When traffic-control signals are not in place or not in
 13 operation, the driver of a vehicle shall yield the
 14 right-of-way, slowing down or stopping if need be to so
 15 yield, to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within a marked
 16 crosswalk when the pedestrian is upon the half of the
 17 roadway upon which the vehicle is traveling or when the
 18 pedestrian is approaching so closely from the opposite half
 19 of the roadway as to be in danger or within an unmarked
 20 crosswalk at an intersection, but no pedestrian shall
 21 suddenly leave a curb or other place of safety and walk or
 22 run into the path of a vehicle which is so close that it is
 23 impossible for the driver to yield. This provision shall not
 24 apply under the conditions stated in 61-8-503(2).
 25 (2) Whenever any vehicle is stopped at a marked

1 crosswalk or at any unmarked crosswalk at an intersection to
 2 permit a pedestrian to cross the roadway, the driver of any
 3 other vehicle approaching from the rear shall not overtake
 4 and pass such stopped vehicle.
 5 (3) It is unlawful for any person to drive a motor
 6 vehicle through a column of school children crossing a
 7 street or highway or past a member of the school safety
 8 patrol while the member of the school safety patrol is
 9 directing the movement of children across a street or
 10 highway and while the school safety patrol member is holding
 11 his official signal in the stop position."

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