



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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BILL SUMMARY

- Applies the procedure a vehicle* operator is required to follow at an intersection where the traffic control signal fails to indicate clearly the assignment of right-of-way to circumstances when the signal is otherwise malfunctioning, including the failure of a vehicle detector to detect the vehicle.
- Provides that when a motor vehicle overtakes and passes a bicycle, the safe passing distance to the left is not less than three feet.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Malfunctioning traffic control signals

The bill applies the procedure a vehicle* operator is required to follow at an intersection where the traffic control signal fails to indicate clearly the assignment of right-of-way to circumstances when the signal is otherwise malfunctioning, including the failure of a vehicle detector to detect the vehicle.¹ The applicable procedure requires the vehicle operator to (1) stop at the stop line, or if there is no stop line stop before entering the near crosswalk, or if there is no near crosswalk stop before entering the intersection, (2) yield the right-of-way to all vehicles, streetcars, or trackless trolleys in the intersection or approaching on an intersecting road if they will constitute an

* Prior to correction, the analysis referred to a "motor vehicle" rather than a "vehicle." A vehicle generally includes nonmotorized means of transportation, including bicycles.

¹ R.C. 4511.132(A).

immediate hazard while the operator is moving across or within the intersection or junction, and (3) exercise ordinary care while proceeding through the intersection.²

Passing distance to the left when a motor vehicle passes a bicycle

The bill provides that when a motor vehicle overtakes and passes a bicycle, the safe passing distance to the left is not less than three feet. Current law provides generally that when the operator of a vehicle or trackless trolley overtakes another vehicle or trackless trolley traveling in the same direction, the operator must "pass to the left thereof at a safe distance"³

HISTORY

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² R.C. 4511.132(A)(1) to (3).

³ R.C. 4511.27(A)(1).

