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HOUSE BILL ***1731-FN***

AN ACT relative to regulating bicycles.

SPONSORS: Rep. MacKenzie, Hills. 17; Rep. Higgins, Graf. 12; Rep. Woolpert, Merr. 6; Rep. Luneau, Merr. 10; Rep. Rimol, Rock. 5

COMMITTEE: Transportation

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Allows crossing an unbroken traffic line to pass a pedestrian or device moved by human power.

II. Modifies hand signal requirements for bicyclists.

III. Allows flashing headlamps on bicycles.

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Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics.***
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struckthrough.~~]
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Eighteen

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

46:1 Highway Markings; Passing. Amend RSA 265:22, I(c) to read as follows:

(c) In case such driver has an unobstructed view and can see the end of the said unbroken painted line***; or***

(d) In order to pass a pedestrian or a device moved by human power, including a bicycle, skateboard, or foot-scooter, provided such movement can be made safely.

46:2 Method of Giving Hand-and-Arm Signals. Amend RSA 265:47, II to read as follows:

II. Right turn--Hand and arm extended upward. ***Or optionally, when on a bicycle, by extending the right hand and arm horizontally.***

46:3 Flashing Lights. Amend RSA 266:78-e to read as follows:

266:78-e Other Flashing Lamps Prohibited. Only authorized emergency vehicles, including law enforcement, fire, and emergency medical services vehicles, [~~and~~] state department of transportation vehicles engaged in construction or maintenance activities, ***and bicycles*** may be equipped with a device that provides for alternate flashing of headlamps.

46:4 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

Approved: May 15, 2018
Effective Date: July 14, 2018