

Amendment No. 871

Assembly Amendment to Senate Bill No. 179 Third Reprint (BDR 43-79)

Proposed by: Assemblyman Frierson

Amends: Summary: Yes Title: Yes Preamble: No Joint Sponsorship: No Digest: Yes

ASSEMBLY ACTION				Initial and Date	SENATE ACTION				Initial and Date
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EXPLANATION: Matter in (1) *blue bold italics* is new language in the original bill; (2) *green bold italic underlining* is new language proposed in this amendment; (3) ~~red strikethrough~~ is deleted language in the original bill; (4) ~~purple double strikethrough~~ is language proposed to be deleted in this amendment; (5) orange double underlining is deleted language in the original bill that is proposed to be retained in this amendment; and (6) *green bold underlining* is newly added transitory language.

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Date: 5/24/2013

S.B. No. 179—Makes various changes to provisions governing public safety.
(BDR 43-79)



SENATE BILL NO. 179—SENATOR MANENDO (BY REQUEST)

FEBRUARY 21, 2013

Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Makes various changes to provisions governing public safety.
(BDR ~~(43-79)~~ 35-79)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: Increases or Newly Provides for
Term of Imprisonment in County or City Jail or Detention
Facility.
Effect on the State: Yes.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~(omitted material)~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to public safety; ~~enhancing the penalty for certain traffic violations which occur in school zones or school crossing zones; authorizing certain governing bodies and the Department of Transportation to designate pedestrian safety zones in certain circumstances; providing for enhanced penalties for certain traffic violations in pedestrian safety zones;~~ revising provisions relating to pedestrians and ~~crosswalks; providing a penalty;~~ traffic safety; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Under existing law, ~~a driver who is convicted of a violation of a speed limit or of certain other traffic violations is subject to a doubling of the penalty if the violation occurs in a highway construction zone when workers are present (NRS 484B.130). Existing law also provides that certain maximum speeds are in effect in school zones and school crossing zones at certain times. (NRS 484B.262) Sections 2 and 24 of this bill provide that a driver is subject to a doubling of the penalty for a violation of a speed limit or of certain other traffic violations if the violation occurs in a school zone or a school crossing zone at a time when the statutory speed limits for such zones are in effect. Section 24 also makes it unlawful for a driver to make a U turn or pass another vehicle in a school zone or a school crossing zone when the school speed limit is in effect. Finally, section 24 requires that the sign posted to mark the beginning of each school zone and school crossing zone newly include a designation that fines may be higher when the speed limit is in effect.)~~ the Department of Transportation is required to develop an educational program concerning bicycle and pedestrian safety. The program must be designed to inform bicyclists and pedestrians of applicable traffic laws and encourage observance of those laws, and to promote bicycle and pedestrian safety. (NRS 408.571)

Section 1 of this bill ~~authorizes the governing body of a local government or the Department of Transportation to designate pedestrian safety zones on a highway if certain findings are made. Section 1 also provides that a person who is convicted of a violation of a speed limit or of certain other violations is subject to a doubling of the penalty if the violation occurs in a pedestrian safety zone. Sections 2-13, 17, 18, 20-22, 25-28 and 30-32 of this bill make conforming changes to indicate the possibility of the enhanced penalty.~~

~~Existing law requires the driver of a vehicle to yield the right of way to a pedestrian in a crosswalk under certain circumstances when the pedestrian is on the half of the highway upon which the vehicle is traveling, and when a pedestrian is lawfully in a crosswalk or intersection that is controlled by traffic lights. (NRS 484B.282, 484B.207) Section 15 of this bill requires a driver to stop for such a pedestrian, specifies that the requirement applies to both marked and unmarked crosswalks, expands the requirement to when a pedestrian is within one lane of the half of the highway upon which the vehicle is traveling and defines the term "half of the highway" to mean the entire width of all the traffic lanes which convey traffic in the same direction, including any paved shoulder. Section 19 of this bill requires a driver to stop for a pedestrian who is lawfully in a crosswalk or an intersection that is controlled by traffic lights.~~

~~Existing law requires a pedestrian to yield the right of way to vehicles when the pedestrian is crossing a highway outside of a marked or unmarked crosswalk, and when crossing a highway at a point where a pedestrian tunnel or overhead pedestrian crossing has been provided. Existing law also prohibits a pedestrian from crossing a highway outside of a marked crosswalk when the pedestrian is between adjacent intersections at which traffic control devices are in operation. (NRS 484B.287) Section 16 of this bill eliminates the requirement for a pedestrian to yield the right of way to vehicles when crossing where a pedestrian tunnel or overhead pedestrian crossing has been provided. Section 16 also requires a pedestrian to cross a highway at a right angle to the edge of the highway or, when a right angle is not possible or practicable, by the shortest route to the opposite side. requires any such program to also inform the traveling public of applicable traffic laws and encourage observance of those laws, and to promote traffic safety in school zones.~~

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Delete existing sections 1 through 32 of this bill and replace with the following new section:

Section 1. NRS 408.571 is hereby amended to read as follows:

408.571 1. The Department shall develop an educational program concerning bicycle and pedestrian safety which must be:

(a) Suitable for children and adults; and
(b) Developed by a person who is trained in the techniques of bicycle and pedestrian safety.

2. The program must be designed to:

(a) Aid bicyclists in improving their riding skills;
(b) Inform bicyclists, ~~and~~ pedestrians and the traveling public of applicable traffic laws and encourage observance of those laws; ~~and~~

(c) Promote bicycle and pedestrian safety. ~~++~~; and

(d) Promote traffic safety in school zones.

3. As used in this section, "bicycle" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 484A.025 and includes an electric bicycle as defined in NRS 482.0287.