

2005 SESSION

BILL NO. _____

Offered December 1, 2004

A BILL to amend and reenact § 46.2-905 of the Code of Virginia, related to riding bicycles, electric personal assistive mobility devices, electric power-assisted bicycles, and mopeds on roadways and bicycle paths

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Referred to Committee on _____

Be it enacted by the YMCA Model General Assembly:

1. That § 46.2-905 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 46.2-905. Riding bicycles, electric personal assistive mobility devices, electric power-assisted bicycles, and mopeds on roadways and bicycle paths.

Any person operating a bicycle, electric personal assistive mobility device, electric power-assisted bicycle, or moped on a roadway at less than the normal speed of traffic at the time and place under conditions then existing shall ride as close as safely practicable to the right curb or edge of the roadway, except under any of the following circumstances:

- 1. When overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding in the same direction;
2. When preparing for a left turn at an intersection or into a private road or driveway;
3. When reasonably necessary to avoid conditions including, but not limited to, fixed or moving objects, parked or moving vehicles, pedestrians, animals, surface hazards, or substandard width lanes that make it unsafe to continue along the right curb or edge;
4. When avoiding riding in a lane that must turn or diverge to the right; and
5. When riding upon a one-way road or highway, a person may also ride as near the left-hand curb or edge of such roadway as safely practicable.

For purposes of this section, a "substandard width lane" is a lane too narrow for a bicycle, electric personal assistive mobility device, electric power-assisted bicycle, or moped and another vehicle to pass safely side by side within the lane.

Riding bicycles, electric personal assistive mobility devices, or electric power-assisted bicycles shall not be permitted on roads with "substandard width lanes."

Persons riding bicycles, electric personal assistive mobility devices, or electric power-assisted bicycles on a highway shall not ride more than two abreast. Persons riding two abreast shall not impede the normal and reasonable movement of traffic, shall move into

37 a single file formation as quickly as is practicable when being overtaken from the rear by
38 a faster moving vehicle, and, on a laned roadway, shall ride in a single lane.

39 Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the Department of
40 Conservation and Recreation shall permit the operation of electric personal assistive
41 mobility devices on any bicycle path or trail designated by the Department for such use.

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