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DELAWARE STATE SENATE
146th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE BILL NO. 120

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 21, CHAPTER 41 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO BICYCLES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE:

Section 1. Amend Chapter 41, §4196, Title 21, of the Delaware Code by deleting the word "or" appearing at the end of §4196(a)(2), renumbering current §4196(a)(3) as §4196(a)(4), and by inserting a new to §4196(a)(3), to read as follows:

"(3) When proceeding straight in a right-turn-only lane; or".

Section 2. Amend Section 4196, Title 21 of the Delaware Code by adding a new subsection (d) thereto, to read as follows:

"(d) Any person operating a bicycle may ride upon a paved shoulder with due regard for any traffic control devices intended to regulate or guide traffic or pedestrians."

SYNOPSIS

This Bill would confirm that bicycles may legally operate when proceeding straight in right-turn-only lanes, as well as when operated upon the paved shoulders of the state's roads and highways. Because many of these shoulders are also used as parts of entrances and turning lanes, the bicyclists are required to use due regard for those conditions in traversing these pavement segments.

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