

SUPPORT HB2262/SB1263

Bicyclist Safety Act

Reasons to Support HB2262/SB1263

- Allows parents to ride outside their children
- Helps drivers pass groups of cyclists easier
- Streamlines education, enforcement, and compliance of safe passing
 - 45% of bike fatalities are result of improper passing by motorists
- Mitigate targeted enforcement toward marginalized riders (low income, people of color, non-English speakers)
- No evidence of increased perceptions of bicycle scofflaws nor negative interactions with pedestrians
 - Some evidence and logic to suggest that bike laws that more appropriately meet needs of riders leads to higher compliance

Overview:

The Bicyclist Safety Act would:

- require drivers to change lanes to pass
- allow bike riders to stay two abreast
- require bike riders to *yield* at stop signs

These laws have demonstrably improved safety where implemented across the country:

- 14% reduction in bike crashes in Idaho
- 23% reduction in bike injuries in Delaware (at intersections) at 11% generally

[Statewide spokespeople for the BSA](#) (more added regularly)

[Bicyclist Safety Act FAQ](#)

- 20+ organizations in support
- 15+ Virginia businesses in support
- 250+ individuals signed on in support

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