

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2021 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED

Committee on Transportation

CS/SB 950 — Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety

by Committee on Transportation and Senator Book

The bill addresses issues relating to bicycle and pedestrian safety. In summary, the bill:

- Defines the terms “bicycle lane” and “separated bicycle lane”;
- Provides requirements for a vehicle overtaking a bicycle or other nonmotorized vehicle, or an electric bicycle occupying the same travel lane;
- Requires the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) to provide an awareness campaign regarding vehicles overtaking a bicycle, other nonmotorized vehicle, or an electric bicycle;
- Provides that no-passing zones do not apply to drivers who safely and briefly drive to the left of center of the roadway to overtake a bicycle, other nonmotorized vehicle, or an electric bicycle;
- Requires a vehicle making a right turn while overtaking and passing a bicycle proceeding in the same direction, to do so only if the bicycle is at least 20 feet from the intersection, and is of such a distance that the driver of a vehicle may safely turn;
- Authorizes bicyclists riding in groups, after coming to a full stop, to go through an intersection in groups of 10 or fewer;
- Provides riders may ride two abreast if certain conditions exist; and
- Requires at least 25 questions in the test bank for the driver license test to address bicycle and pedestrian safety.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2021.

Vote: Senate 39-0; House 114-0