

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 2542

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to motor vehicles; requiring
8 operators of motorized wheelchairs to display a
9 warning flag; amending 47 O.S. 2001, Section 11-1205,
10 as last amended by Section 2, Chapter 173, O.S.L.
11 2006 (47 O.S. Supp. 2009, Section 11-1205), which
12 relates to the operation of bicycles and motorized
13 scooters; requiring operators of motorized scooters
14 to display a warning flag; providing for
15 codification; and providing an effective date.

16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

17 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
18 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 11-501.2 of Title 47, unless
19 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

20 Any person riding a motorized wheelchair upon a roadway shall
21 display at least one red warning flag on the motorized wheelchair.
22 The flag shall be a minimum of sixteen (16) inches square and shall
23 be mounted so as to be visible from both the front and rear of the
24 motorized wheelchair.

1 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2001, Section 11-1205, as
2 last amended by Section 2, Chapter 173, O.S.L. 2006 (47 O.S. Supp.
3 2009, Section 11-1205), is amended to read as follows:

4 Section 11-1205. A. Every person operating a bicycle or
5 motorized scooter upon a roadway at less than the normal speed of
6 traffic at the time and place and under the conditions then existing
7 shall ride as close as is safe to the right-hand curb or edge of the
8 roadway, except under any of the following situations:

9 1. When overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding in
10 the same direction;

11 2. When preparing for a left turn at an intersection or into a
12 private road or driveway;

13 3. When reasonably necessary to avoid conditions and while
14 exercising due care, including but not limited to:

- 15 a. fixed or moving objects,
- 16 b. parked or moving vehicles,
- 17 c. pedestrians or animals,
- 18 d. surface hazards, or
- 19 e. any time it is unsafe to continue along the right-hand
20 curb or edge of the roadway; and

21 4. When riding in the right-turn-only lane.

22 B. Any person riding a bicycle or motorized scooter upon a one-
23 way street or highway with two or more marked lanes of travel may
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1 ride as close as is safe to the left-hand curb or edge of the street
2 or highway.

3 C. No person operating a bicycle or motorized scooter shall
4 pass other vehicles between lanes of traffic traveling in the same
5 direction.

6 D. Persons riding bicycles or motorized scooters upon a roadway
7 shall not ride more than two abreast except on paths or parts of
8 roadways set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles or motorized
9 scooters. Persons riding two abreast shall not impede the normal
10 and reasonable flow of traffic and, on a laned roadway, shall ride
11 within a single lane.

12 E. Any person riding a motorized scooter upon a roadway shall
13 display at least one red warning flag at the extreme rear end of the
14 motorized scooter. The flag shall be a minimum of sixteen (16)
15 inches square and shall be mounted so as to be visible from both the
16 front and rear of the motorized scooter.

17 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2010.

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