

House File 154 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act allowing a right-turn signal with hand and arm to be
2 made from the right side of a bicycle.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 321.318, Code 2015, is amended to read
2 as follows:

3 **321.318 Method of giving hand and arm signals.**

4 1. All signals herein required which may be given by hand
5 and arm shall when so given be given from the left side of the
6 vehicle and the following manner and interpretation thereof is
7 suggested:

8 ~~1.~~ a. Left turn — Hand and arm extended horizontally.

9 ~~2.~~ b. Right turn — Hand and arm extended upward.

10 ~~3.~~ c. Stop or decrease of speed — Hand and arm extended
11 downward.

12 2. Notwithstanding subsection 1, a person operating a
13 bicycle may give a right-turn signal by extending the right
14 hand and arm horizontally and to the right side of the bicycle.

15 EXPLANATION

16 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
17 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

18 Current law provides that directional signals from a motor
19 vehicle may be given either by hand and arm or by mechanical
20 or electrical device. Directional signals given by hand and
21 arm must be given from the left side of the vehicle. This
22 law is applicable to persons operating bicycles through Code
23 section 321.234. For a violation of Code section 321.318, the
24 scheduled fine is \$35.

25 The bill provides that a person operating a bicycle may
26 give a right-turn signal by extending the right hand and arm
27 horizontally from the right side of the bicycle.