

House File 41 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act allowing right-turn signals made with hand and arm to be
2 made from the right side of bicycles.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 321.318, Code 2017, 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 person's
14 right hand and arm horizontally from the right side of the
15 bicycle.

16 EXPLANATION

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

19 Code section 321.317 currently provides that directional
20 signals from a motor vehicle may be given either by hand and
21 arm or by mechanical or electrical device. Under Code section
22 321.318, directional signals given by hand and arm must be
23 given from the left side of the vehicle. This provision is
24 applicable to persons operating bicycles through Code section
25 321.234. A violation of Code section 321.318 is punishable by
26 a scheduled fine of \$35.

27 This bill provides that a person operating a bicycle may give
28 a right-turn signal by extending the person's right hand and
29 arm horizontally from the right side of the bicycle.