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A BILL FOR

1 An Act allowing right-turn signals given by 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 2018, 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 Under current law, Code section 321.317 provides that
20 directional signals from a motor vehicle may be given either
21 by hand and arm or by mechanical or electrical device. Code
22 section 321.318 requires directional signals given by hand
23 and arm to be given from the left side of the vehicle. This
24 provision is applicable to persons operating bicycles through
25 Code section 321.234(2). A violation of Code section 321.318
26 is punishable by 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.