

A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To amend the District of Columbia Comprehensive Bicycle Transportation and Safety Act of 1984 to prohibit the riding of bicycles and personal mobility devices on sidewalks wherever a public bicycle lane is available.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

That this act may be cited as the “Sidewalk Safety Amendment Act of 2014”.

Sec. 2. The District of Columbia Comprehensive Bicycle Transportation and Safety Act of 1984, effective March 16, 1985 (D.C. Law 5-179; D.C. Official Code § 50-1601 et seq.), is amended as follows:

(a) A new section 9a is added to read as follows:

“(9a) Wherever a public bicycle lane in the same direction is available, it shall be unlawful for a person over 12 years of age to ride on a sidewalk:

“(1) A bicycle that has one or more wheels at least 20 inches in diameter;

or

“(2) A personal mobility device.”.

(b) Section 10 (D.C. Official Code § 50-1609) is amended as follows:

(1) A new paragraph (4A) is added to read as follows:

“(4A) “Personal mobility device” means a motorized propulsion device, designed to transport only one person, or a self-balancing, two non-tandem wheeled

1 device, designed to transport only one person with an electric propulsion system, but
2 excluding a battery-operated wheelchair.”.

3 (2) A new paragraph (5A) is added to read as follows:

4 “(5A) “Public bicycle lane” means a demarcated lane in the public roadway
5 for use primarily by bicycles and other permitted devices.”.

6 (3) A new paragraph (8) is added to read as follows:

7 “(8) “Sidewalk” means that portion of a street between the curb lines or the
8 lateral lines of a roadway, and the adjacent property lines intended for the use of
9 pedestrians, and, where permitted, bicyclists and personal mobility devices.”.

10 Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

11 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the
12 fiscal impact statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia Home
13 Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code §1-
14 206.02(c)(3)).

15 Sec. 4. Effective date.

16 This act shall take effect following approval by the mayor (or in the event of a
17 veto by the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of
18 Congressional review as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home
19 Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 State. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-
20 206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of Columbia Register.