Session of 2015

HOUSE BILL No. 2068

By Committee on Transportation

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1 AN ACT regulating traffic; concerning bicycles; path usage; amending 2 K.S.A. 8-1590 and repealing the existing section.

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4 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

5 Section 1. K.S.A. 8-1590 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-6 1590. (a) Every person operating a bicycle or a moped upon a roadway at 7 less than the normal speed of traffic at the time and place and under the 8 conditions then existing shall ride as near to the right side of the roadway 9 as practicable, except under any of the following situations when: (1) Overtaking and passing another bicycle or vehicle proceeding in the same 10 direction; (2) preparing for a left turn at an intersection or into a private 11 12 road or driveway; or (3) reasonably necessary to avoid conditions including, but not limited to, fixed or moving objects, parked or moving 13 14 bicycles, bicycles, pedestrians, animals, surface hazards or narrow width 15 lanes that make it unsafe to continue along the right-hand edge of the 16 roadway.

17 (b) Any person operating a bicycle or a moped upon a one-way 18 highway with two or more marked traffic lanes may ride as near to the left 19 side of the roadway as practicable.

20 (c) Persons riding bicycles upon a roadway shall not ride more than 21 two abreast, except on paths or parts of roadways set aside for the 22 exclusive use of bicycles.

23 (d) Wherever a usable path for bicycles has been provided adjacent to 24 a roadway, bicycle riders shall use such path and shall not use the roadway.

25 (e)—For purposes of this section, "narrow width lane" means a lane that is too narrow for a bicycle and a vehicle to travel safely side-by-side 26 27 within the lane.

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 - K.S.A. 8-1590 is hereby repealed. Sec. 2.
- Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its 29 30 publication in the statute book.