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**An Act to Increase Bicycle Safety by Allowing Cyclists to Treat Stop Signs as Yield Signs and Red Lights as Stop Signs**

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Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot.  
Cosponsored by Senators: CHIPMAN of Cumberland, MOORE of Washington,  
Representatives: GEIGER of Rockland, SOBOLESKI of Phillips.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2063, sub-§11**, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 164, §7, is amended  
3 to read:

4 **11. Traffic-control devices other than red lights.** A person operating a bicycle or  
5 roller skis shall obey a traffic-control device other than a red light, unless otherwise directed  
6 by a law enforcement officer. A traffic-control device conforming to the requirements for  
7 these devices is presumed to comply with this chapter.

8 **Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §2063, sub-§11-A** is enacted to read:

9 **11-A. Red lights.** Unless directed to proceed by a law enforcement officer, a person  
10 operating a bicycle or roller skis approaching a red light shall stop and:

11 A. Yield the right-of-way to a vehicle that has entered the intersection or that is  
12 approaching so closely as to constitute an immediate hazard; and

13 B. Having yielded, a person operating a bicycle or roller skis may proceed. All other  
14 operators approaching the intersection shall yield the right-of-way to the person  
15 operating a bicycle or roller skis so proceeding.

16 **Sec. 3. 29-A MRSA §2063, sub-§12**, as enacted by PL 2015, c. 164, §7, is amended  
17 to read:

18 **12. Stop signs.** Unless directed to proceed by a law enforcement officer or traffic-  
19 control device, a person operating a bicycle or roller skis approaching a stop sign shall ~~stop~~  
20 ~~and:~~

21 A. Yield the right-of-way to a vehicle that has entered the intersection or that is  
22 approaching so closely as to constitute an immediate hazard; and

23 B. Having yielded, a person operating a bicycle or roller skis may proceed. All other  
24 operators approaching the intersection shall yield the right-of-way to the person  
25 operating a bicycle or roller skis so proceeding.

26 **SUMMARY**

27 This bill allows a person operating a bicycle or roller skis to yield at a stop sign and, at  
28 a red light, to stop and then proceed if clear.