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**An Act To Enhance Traffic Safety with Regard to the Operation of
Bicycles on Public Ways**

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ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative HEPLER of Woolwich.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2063, sub-§2-B** is enacted to read:

3 **2-B. Riding to right.** A person operating a bicycle upon a roadway shall operate in
4 single file with other bicyclists when being overtaken by a motor vehicle.

5 **Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §2063, sub-§7,** as amended by PL 2015, c. 164, §6, is further
6 amended to read:

7 **7. Penalties.** A person 17 years of age or over who violates subsection 2, 2-B, 3, 3-A,
8 4, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12 or 13 commits a traffic infraction for which a fine of not less than \$25
9 and not more than \$250 may be adjudged. A person under 17 years of age is not subject to
10 a fine under this section.

11 **SUMMARY**

12 This bill requires bicyclists operating on a roadway to ride in single file while being
13 overtaken by motor vehicles and makes the failure to do so a traffic infraction.