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Senate Bill 1224 (Substitute S-1 as reported)  
Sponsor: Senator Michelle A. McManus  
Committee: Transportation

### **CONTENT**

The bill would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to do the following:

- Require vehicle operators to yield the right-of-way to bicyclists under certain circumstances.
- Delete references to bicycles from provisions that apply to the operation of an electric personal assistive mobility device, low-speed vehicle, motorcycle, moped, or bicycle, and establish provisions that would apply to bicyclists specifically.
- Allow an individual to park a bicycle on a sidewalk or highway or street, subject to certain conditions.

Currently, a person operating a bicycle must ride as near to the right side of the roadway as practicable, exercising due care when passing a standing vehicle or one proceeding in the same direction. Under the bill, instead, a person operating a bicycle upon a highway or street at less than the existing speed of traffic would have to ride as close as practicable to the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway, except as follows:

- When overtaking and passing another bicycle or any other vehicle proceeding in the same direction.
- When preparing to turn left.
- When operating a bicycle in a lane in which the traffic was turning right but the individual intended to go straight through the intersection.
- When operating a bicycle upon a one-way highway or street having two or more marked traffic lanes, in which case the individual could ride as near the left-hand curb or edge of that roadway as practicable.
- When conditions made the right-hand edge unsafe or reasonably unusable by bicycles, or if the lane were too narrow to permit a vehicle to overtake and pass a bicycle safely.

Under the Code, where a usable and designated bicycle path is provided adjacent to a roadway, a bicyclist or an electric personal assistive mobility device operator may, by local ordinance, be required to use that path. The bill would delete the reference to a bicyclist.

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### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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