

# Legislative Analysis

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## DISTANCE WHEN PASSING A BICYCLIST

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**House Bill 4185 (reported from committee as substitute H-3)**

**Sponsor: Rep. John Bizon, M.D.**

**Committee: Transportation and Infrastructure**

**Complete to 5-30-18**

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### SUMMARY:

House Bill 4185 would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to require the driver of a vehicle overtaking and passing a bicycle going in the same direction to pass at a safe distance of at least three feet to the left of the bicycle or, if that distance is impracticable, at a safe distance to the left at a safe speed. The bill would also allow the driver to overtake and pass the bicycle in a no-passing zone if it is safe to do so.

A person who violated the proposed requirements would be responsible for a civil infraction.

The bill would take effect 90 days after being enacted.

MCL 257.636

### FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 4185 would increase revenues to the state. Revenue collected from payment of civil infraction penalties is deposited into the state Justice System Fund, which supports various justice-related endeavors in the judicial and legislative branches of government and the Departments of State Police, Corrections, Health and Human Services, and Treasury.

### POSITIONS:

AAA of Michigan indicated support for the bill. (5-29-18)

League of Michigan Bicycles indicated support for the bill. (5-29-18)

Michigan Environmental Council indicated support for the bill. (5-29-18)

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