



Legal Update

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An Act Protecting Bicyclists in Bicycle Lanes

Chapter 457 of the Acts of 2016 was enacted into law on January 20, 2017

SECTION 1 of Chapter 89 of the General Laws, is amended by inserting the additional sections listed below:

(4D) The operator of a motor vehicle shall not stand or park the vehicle upon any on-street path or lane designated by official signs or markings for use of bicycles, or place the vehicle in such a manner as to interfere with the safety and passage of persons operating bicycles thereon.

The operator of a motor vehicle shall not stand or park the vehicle upon any lane designated by pavement markings for the shared use of motor vehicles and bicycles, or place the vehicle in such a manner as to interfere with the safety and passage of persons operating bicycles thereon.

SECTION 2: Section 5 of Chapter 89 of the General Laws is hereby amended by replacing both references to “sections one to four C” with “sections one to four D.”

Penalty: \$50 fine and does not considered a moving violation and is not surchargable.