

**AN ACT**

**Bill 19-568**  
**Act 19-486**  
**effective**  
**October 23, 2012**

*To amend the Pedestrian Protection Amendment Act of 1987 to require vehicles to stop before passing through a crosswalk when a vehicle in an adjacent lane is stopped and to clarify that persons on bicycles and operating personal mobility devices have the same rights and duties as pedestrians under the same circumstances.*

**Codification**  
**District of Columbia**  
**Official Code**  
**2001 Edition**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Pedestrian and Bicyclist Protection Amendment Act of 2012”.

**Pedestrian and**  
**Bicyclist Protection**  
**Amendment Act of**  
**2012**

Sec. 2. Section 2 of the Pedestrian Protection Amendment Act of 1987, effective October 9, 1987 (D. C. Law 7-34; D.C. Official Code § 50-2201.28), is amended as follows:

**Amend**  
**§ 50-2201.28**

(a) A new subsection (a-1) is added to read as follows:

“(a-1) Whenever a vehicle is stopped at a marked crosswalk at an unsignalized intersection, a vehicle approaching the crosswalk in an adjacent lane or from behind the stopped vehicle shall stop and give the right-of-way to ensure the safety of pedestrians and bicyclists before passing the stopped vehicle.”.

(b) A new subsection (b-1) is added to read as follows:

“(b-1) A person on a bicycle or operating a personal mobility device upon or along a sidewalk or while crossing a roadway in a crosswalk shall have the rights and duties applicable to a pedestrian under the same circumstances; provided, that:

“(1) The bicyclist or personal mobility device operator yields to pedestrians on the sidewalk or crosswalk; and

“(2) Riding a bicycle on the sidewalk is permitted.”.

Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal impact statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(3)).

Sec. 4. Effective date.

This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of Congressional review as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of Columbia Register.