

Mississippi
Title 63, Chapter 3 of the
Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended

TITLE 63. MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC REGULATIONS
CHAPTER 3. TRAFFIC REGULATIONS AND RULES OF THE ROAD

§ 63-3-603(e). Driving on roadways laned for traffic

Persons riding bicycles upon a roadway shall not ride more than two (2) abreast except on paths or parts of roadways set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles. Persons riding two (2) abreast shall not impede the normal and reasonable movement of traffic and, on a laned roadway, shall ride within a single lane. (Superseded by National Park Regulation 36 CFR 4.30 (h) Prohibited acts (4)).

Note: a cyclist is considered a vehicle in the same way as an automobile. This means stopping at stop signs, stopping at traffic lights, and signaling when turning. Bicycles must travel in the correct direction (the same direction as vehicles) and cannot cross the double yellow centerline.

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(2) A person riding a bicycle upon a roadway has all of the rights and is subject to all of the duties applicable to the driver of a vehicle, except as may be otherwise provided in this article.

§ 63-3-1307. Rights and duties of bicyclist operating bicycle upon roadway

(1) Every bicyclist operating a bicycle upon a roadway less than the normal speed of traffic shall ride as close as practicable to the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway except under any of the following conditions:

- (a) When it is unsafe to do so;
- (b) When overtaking and passing another bicycle or vehicle proceeding in the same direction;
- (c) When preparing for or making a left turn at an intersection or into a private road or driveway;
- (d) When proceeding straight in a place where right turns are permitted; and

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(e) When necessary to avoid hazardous conditions, including, but not limited to, fixed or moving objects, vehicles, bicycles, pedestrians, animals, surface hazards or a lane of substandard width that makes it unsafe to continue along the right portion of the way. For purposes of this paragraph, "lane of substandard width" means a lane that is too narrow for a bicycle and a vehicle to travel safely side by side in the lane.

§ 63-3-1309. Rights and duties of operator of motor vehicle with respect to bicycles

(1) While passing a bicyclist on a roadway, a motorist shall leave a safe distance of not less than three (3) feet between his vehicle and the bicyclist and shall maintain such clearance until safely past the bicycle.

(2) A motor vehicle operator may pass a bicycle traveling in the same direction in a non-passing zone with the duty to execute the pass only when it is safe to do so.

(3) The operator of a vehicle that passes a bicyclist proceeding in the same direction may not make a right turn at any intersection or into any highway or driveway unless the turn can be made with reasonable safety.

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(4). Lamps on bicycles.

Every bicycle shall be equipped with a lighted white lamp on the front thereof visible under normal atmospheric conditions from a distance of at least five hundred feet in front of such bicycle and shall also be equipped with a reflex mirror reflector or lamp on the rear exhibiting a red light visible under like conditions from a distance of at least five hundred feet to the rear of such bicycle.