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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, a person riding a
9 bicycle is required to follow the Rules of the Road
10 for motor vehicles unless otherwise provided by law
11 or unless a rule by its nature does not apply.
12 Therefore, a person riding a bicycle is required to
13 give a hand signal for a right turn in the same
14 manner as the driver of a motor vehicle gives a
15 signal for a right turn, with his or her left arm
16 and hand extended upward.

17 This bill would authorize a person riding a
18 bicycle to give a hand signal for a right turn with
19 his or her right arm and hand extended horizontally
20 on the right side of the bicycle.

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22 A BILL
23 TO BE ENTITLED
24 AN ACT
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1 To amend Section 32-5A-263 of the Code of Alabama
2 1975, relating to bicycles; to authorize a person riding a
3 bicycle to give a hand signal for a right turn with his or her
4 right arm and hand extended horizontally from the right side
5 of the bicycle.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

7 Section 1. Section 32-5A-263 of the Code of Alabama
8 1975, is amended to read as follows:

9 "§32-5A-263.

10 "(a) Every person operating a bicycle upon a roadway
11 shall ride as near to the right side of the roadway as
12 practicable, exercising due care when passing a standing
13 vehicle or one proceeding in the same direction.

14 "(b) Persons riding bicycles upon a roadway shall
15 not ride more than two abreast except on paths or parts of
16 roadways set aside for the exclusive use of bicycles.

17 "(c) Wherever a usable path for bicycles has been
18 provided adjacent to a roadway, bicycle riders shall use such
19 path and shall not use the roadway.

20 "(d) A person riding a bicycle may give a hand
21 signal for a right turn by extending his or her right arm and
22 hand horizontally on the right side of the bicycle."

23 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
24 first day of the third month following its passage and
25 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.