

# Legislative Analysis

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## DISTANCE WHEN PASSING A BICYCLIST

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**House Bill 4265 as introduced**  
**Sponsor: Rep. Holly Hughes**  
**Committee: Transportation and Infrastructure**  
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### SUMMARY:

House Bill 4265 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 five feet to the left of the bicycle.

The bill would also require the driver of a vehicle overtaking a bicycle and passing it on the right to pass at a safe distance of at least five feet to the right of the bicycle. The conditions under Section 637 that govern passing on the right would also have to be met.

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

MCL 257.636 and 257.637

### FISCAL IMPACT:

HB 4265 would have a positive fiscal impact on 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 branch, and the Departments of State Police, Corrections, and Health and Human Services.

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