**Please support HB3021 – Make Cycling Safer in West Virginia**

Why repeal Mandatory Bike Path language -- WV is also only one of 11 states that have a mandatory side path requirement. Debris, egress and ingress points, and lack of continuity make it difficult for bikers commuting to work, school or for essential errands should not be required to stay on recreational bike paths.

Why include a Three or Four Foot Passing rule -- Twenty three states have a minimum three-foot passing rule; Pennsylvania recently enacted a four-foot passing rule.

* creates an easily visualized distance for police to enforce and for

motorists to employ when passing bicyclists;

* increases awareness that bicyclists are legitimate road users;
* establishes a bicyclist's right to space and improves interactions with

 motorists (previously, motorists may have been unsure of the minimum distance required to safely pass a bicyclist);

* can lead to an increase in the number and types of bicyclists within the community;
* may help support implementation of Complete Streets policies;
* is consistent with 3 or 4-foot passing requirements in adjoining states, PA, MD and TN motorists to employ when passing bicyclists.

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