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Bill

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An Act to introduce protection for cyclists by setting safe lateral distance when being passed by motor vehicles.

Be it enacted by the Oireachtas as follows:

Interpretation

1. In this Act—

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“mechanically propelled vehicle” means a vehicle intended or adapted for propulsion by mechanical means, including—

- (a) a bicycle or tricycle with an attachment for propelling it by mechanical power, whether or not the attachment is being used,
- (b) a vehicle the means of propulsion of which is electrical or partly electrical and partly mechanical, but not including a tramcar or other vehicle running on permanent rails;

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“pedal bicycle” means a bicycle which is intended or adapted for propulsion solely by the physical exertions of a person or persons seated thereon.

Keeping a safe lateral distance when passing a cyclist

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2. (1) The driver of a mechanically propelled vehicle passing a pedal bicycle that is travelling in the same direction as the driver must pass the pedal bicycle at a sufficient distance from the pedal bicycle.

(2) A sufficient distance from the pedal bicycle is—

- (a) if the applicable speed limit is not more than 50 kilometres per hour a lateral distance from the pedal bicycle of at least 1 metre, or
- (b) if the applicable speed limit is more than 50 kilometres per hour a lateral distance from the pedal bicycle of at least 1.5 metres.

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(3) For the purpose of *subsection (2)*, the lateral distance is the distance between the following points—

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- (a) the furthestmost point to the left on the driver’s mechanically propelled vehicle or any projection from the vehicle (whether or not attached to the vehicle), and

- (b) the furthestmost point to the right on the pedal bicycle, any bicycle trailer towed by the pedal bicycle, the rider or any passenger in or on any such trailer.
- (4) The driver of a mechanically propelled vehicle who contravenes *subsection (1)* of this section commits an offence and he or she shall be liable for a fixed charge penalty of €80 with 3 penalty points on payment of a fixed charge and 5 penalty points and a fine not exceeding €1,500 on conviction in court. 5

Short title

3. This Act may be cited as the Road Traffic (Minimum Passing Distance of Cyclists) Act 2017.

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Acht do thabhairt isteach cosaint do rothaithe trí
achar cliathánach sábháilte le linn dóibh a
bheith á scoitheadh ag mótarfheithiclí a leagan
síos.

*An Teachta Ciarán Ó Canáin a thug isteach,
22 Feabhra, 2017*

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*Introduced by Deputy Ciarán Cannon,
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