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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Transportation and Transit Policy and Oversight Division

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to traffic regulations; amending requirements for person operating a
1.3 bicycle to stop at stop sign or traffic-control signal; amending Minnesota Statutes
1.4 2008, section 169.222, by adding a subdivision.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 169.222, is amended by adding a
1.7 subdivision to read:

1.8 Subd. 12. **Bicycle stopping requirements.** (a) For purposes of this section, "in
1.9 the vicinity" means located in an intersection or approaching an intersection so closely
1.10 as to constitute a hazard during the time a person operating a bicycle would be moving
1.11 within the intersection.

1.12 (b) A person operating a bicycle who approaches a stop sign or traffic-control signal
1.13 with a steady red indication, including a circular red signal or red arrow signal, shall slow
1.14 to a reasonable speed that allows for stopping promptly. If a vehicle is in the vicinity, the
1.15 person operating a bicycle shall stop before entering the intersection, and otherwise, if the
1.16 person is at least 16 years of age:

1.17 (1) if the traffic-control device is a stop sign, notwithstanding subdivision 1
1.18 and section 169.06, subdivision 4, the person may make a turn or proceed through the
1.19 intersection without stopping; and

1.20 (2) if the traffic-control device is a traffic-control signal, notwithstanding subdivision
1.21 1 and section 169.06, subdivision 5:

1.22 (i) the person may make a right-hand turn, or a left-hand turn onto a one-way
1.23 roadway, without stopping; and

2.1 (ii) the person may proceed through the intersection after stopping but before the
2.2 traffic-control signal indication changes to green, if no vehicle is in the vicinity.

2.3 (c) Nothing in this section alters the right-of-way requirements under section 169.20.
2.4 The provisions under this section do not apply when traffic is controlled by a traffic or
2.5 peace officer.