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Gisclair HB No. 317

Abstract: Affords peace officers riding bicycles the same privileges and duties as peace officers driving vehicles.

Present law provides that the definition of "authorized emergency vehicle" includes a "police vehicle".

Proposed law provides that the definition of "authorized emergency vehicle" includes a "police bicycle".

Present law provides for certain privileges for drivers of authorized emergency vehicles when responding to an emergency call or when in pursuit of an actual or suspected violator of the law.

Proposed law extends the privileges in present law to the peace officers riding bicycles in furtherance of their official duties.

Present law provides that every person riding a bicycle shall be granted all of the rights and be subject to all the duties applicable to the driver of a vehicle, except as to special regulations and except as to those provisions which by their very nature can have no application.

Proposed law provides that every person riding a bicycle shall be granted all of the rights and be subject to all the duties applicable to the driver of a vehicle, except as to special regulations, including special regulations applying to peace officers utilizing bicycles in furtherance of their official duties, and except as to those provisions which by their very nature can have no application.

Present law requires certain lights and lamps on bicycles.

Proposed law retains present law, but excepts bicycles while utilized by peace officers in furtherance of their official duties from these requirements.

(Amends R.S. 32:1(1), 24, 194, and 329(F))