

**A-Engrossed**  
**Senate Bill 729**

Ordered by the House May 24  
Including House Amendments dated May 24

Sponsored by Senator ATKINSON; Senator DEVLIN

**SUMMARY**

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

Alters requirements for bicycle brakes.

**Specifies that restrictions on installation or use of sirens or whistles upon bicycles do not apply to bicycles used by police officers.**

**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

1  
2 Relating to bicycles; amending ORS 815.280.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 815.280 is amended to read:

5 815.280. (1) A person commits the offense of violation of bicycle equipment requirements if the  
6 person does any of the following:

7 (a) Operates on any highway a bicycle in violation of the requirements of this section.

8 (b) Is the parent or guardian of a minor child or ward and authorizes or knowingly permits the  
9 child or ward to operate a bicycle on any highway in violation of the requirements of this section.

10 (2) A bicycle is operated in violation of the requirements of this section if any of the following  
11 requirements are violated:

12 (a) [*A bicycle must be equipped with a brake that enables the operator to make the braked wheels*  
13 *skid on dry, level, clean pavement.*] **A bicycle must be equipped with a brake that enables the**  
14 **operator of the bicycle to stop the bicycle within 15 feet from a speed of 10 miles per hour**  
15 **on dry, level, clean pavement, except that a fixed gear bicycle is not required to be equipped**  
16 **with a separate brake.**

17 (b) A person shall not install or use any siren or whistle upon a bicycle. **This paragraph does**  
18 **not apply to bicycles used by police officers.**

19 (c) At the times described in the following, a bicycle or its rider must be equipped with lighting  
20 equipment that meets the described requirements:

21 (A) The lighting equipment must be used during limited visibility conditions.

22 (B) The lighting equipment must show a white light visible from a distance of at least 500 feet  
23 to the front of the bicycle.

24 (C) The lighting equipment must have a red reflector or lighting device or material of such size  
25 or characteristic and so mounted as to be visible from all distances up to 600 feet to the rear when  
26 directly in front of lawful lower beams of headlights on a motor vehicle.

27 (3) Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to prohibit the use of additional parts  
28 and accessories on any bicycle consistent with this section.

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted.  
New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1           (4) This section does not apply to electric personal assistive mobility devices. Equipment re-  
2           quirements for electric personal assistive mobility devices are provided in ORS 815.284.

3           (5) The offense described in this section, violation of bicycle equipment requirements, is a Class  
4           D traffic violation.

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