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Governor Kasich Signs 3-Foot Passing into Law

Ohio motorists will need to keep 3 feet in mind when passing Ohio bicyclists beginning March 19, 2017. That is when House Bill 154 becomes effective after Governor Kasich signed the bill yesterday.

The new law will:

1. Define the “safe distance” by which Ohio motorists must pass bicyclists as at least 3 feet.
2. Permit any Ohio vehicle to proceed through an intersection after stopping and yielding right-of-way, even when not detected by the device meant to move the signal from red to green.

The [Ohio Bicycle Federation](http://www.ohiobike.org) (OBF) is the statewide advocacy organization representing Ohio bicyclists. This not-for-profit alliance of expert individuals and bicycling groups has worked since 2009 for passage of a 3-foot passing clearance bill.