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HOUSE BILL NO. 725

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Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 32:76.1 and 201, relative to bicycles; to provide a method by which drivers
3 of vehicles shall pass bicyclists; to provide for penalties; to provide for publications,
4 signage, and a public awareness campaign; to prohibit certain actions against
5 bicyclists; to provide for penalties; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 32:76.1 and 201 are hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §76.1. Limitations on passing bicycles

9 A. This Section shall be known as the Colin Goodier Protection Act.

10 B. The operator of a motor vehicle, when overtaking and passing a bicycle
11 proceeding in the same direction on the roadway, shall leave a safe distance between
12 the motor vehicle and the bicycle of not less than three feet and shall maintain such
13 clearance until safely past the overtaken bicycle.

14 C. The Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor
15 vehicles, is directed to include a summary of this Section in any instructional
16 publication for drivers.

17 D. The Department of Transportation and Development is directed to place
18 signs in areas frequently used by bicyclists in an effort to make motorists aware of
19 the need to share the road with bicyclists.

