

1 AN ACT relating to the operation of bicycles.

2 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 189.287 is amended to read as follows:

4 **(1)** The Transportation Cabinet shall promulgate administrative regulations pursuant to
5 KRS Chapter 13A to set forth standards for bicycle equipment and the safe
6 operation of a bicycle. The regulations shall include requirements for lights,
7 reflectors, ~~and~~ audible warning devices, ***and the use of helmets for operators and***
8 ***passengers under twelve (12) years of age.***

9 **(2)** Bicycles and riders which comply with the regulations promulgated under this
10 section are exempt from municipal and other local government regulations
11 concerning safety equipment but not method of operation.

12 **(3)** In promulgating the administrative regulations, the Transportation Cabinet shall
13 permit use of lightweight modern technological substitutes for lights, reflectors, and
14 bells.

15 **(4)** The purpose of this section is to encourage bicycling and bicycle touring in this
16 state by enabling bicycle riders to make use of modern technology to make their
17 presence known to other users of the road, ***to protect children, and to make cycling***
18 ***a safer and sustainable activity.*** The Transportation Cabinet may consult with
19 organizations of bicycle riders to aid it in the search for bicycle safety equipment
20 and rules convenient for long distance bicycle riders.