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Senate Bill 170 (as reported without amendment)  
Sponsor: Senator Margaret E. O'Brien  
Committee: Judiciary

**CONTENT**

The bill would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to require a vehicle overtaking a bicycle on the right to pass at a distance of at least five feet.

Section 637 of the Code allows the driver of a vehicle to overtake and pass to the right of another vehicle only under certain circumstances. The driver of a vehicle may overtake and pass another vehicle upon the right only under conditions permitting the overtaking and passing in safety. A violation is a civil infraction.

Under the bill, the driver of a vehicle overtaking a bicycle, when otherwise permitted by Section 637, would have to pass at a safe distance of at least five feet to the right of the bicycle.

MCL 257.637

Legislative Analyst: Jeff Mann

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would have no fiscal impact on the State and could have a small positive impact on local governments. Any increase in revenue from civil infractions would be dedicated to public libraries.

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