

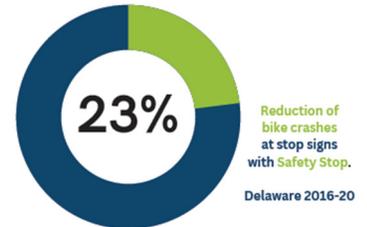


## Support the 2026 Omnibus Bicyclist Safety Bill

**Purpose:** To improve safety for people who bicycle, reduce crashes at intersections, and update Virginia law with proven, data-backed best practices already in use in other states. Does not change right-of-way rules.

**Safety Yield:** Allows a person riding a bicycle (and similar low-speed devices) to treat a stop sign as a yield sign under limited conditions.

Recommended by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration<sup>1</sup>, legal in 11 states (and DC), reduced bicycle-involved crashes by 23% in Delaware.<sup>2</sup>



**Proceed on Walk Signal:** Allows a person riding a bicycle to proceed on a "Walk" signal when traveling straight or turning right, while yielding to pedestrians and other traffic.

Recommended by the National Association of City Transportation Officials to extend the safety benefits of Leading Pedestrian Intervals to a person bicycling on a roadway.<sup>3</sup>

**Riding Two Abreast:** Clarifies when bicyclists may ride two abreast and retains restrictions for riding two abreast on higher-speed, two-lane roads.

Makes people on bicycles more visible to drivers, promotes safer overtaking and allows parents and others to ride beside less experienced riders.

## Bottom Line

The Omnibus Bicycling Safety Bill is a safety-focused update that will reduce crashes involving bicyclists and align Virginia law with proven national best practices.

**This bill improves safety while maintaining protections for pedestrians and drivers.**

December 19, 2025. Contact us at 703-508-0762 or [vbfadvocacycommittee@gmail.com](mailto:vbfadvocacycommittee@gmail.com)

<sup>1</sup> NHTSA Stop-As-Yield Fact Sheet <https://nhtsa.gov/document/bicyclist-stop-yield-laws-and-safety-fact-sheet>

<sup>2</sup> Ibid.

<sup>3</sup> National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) Urban Street Design Guide