

**BILL SUMMARY**  
1<sup>st</sup> Session of the 58<sup>th</sup> Legislature

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| <b>Bill No.:</b>       | <b>HB 1770</b>  |
| <b>Version:</b>        | <b>SAHB</b>   |
| <b>Request Number:</b> |   |
| <b>Author:</b>         | <b>Rep. Dobrinski</b>   |
| <b>Date:</b>           | <b>5/4/2021</b>   |
| <b>Impact:</b>         | <b>Creates misdemeanor, potential increase in fine revenue.</b> |

**Research Analysis**

The Senate Amendment to HB 1770 provides that it shall be unlawful for any person to maliciously throw an object at or in the direction of any person riding a bicycle, equine, or animal drawn vehicle. Persons convicted of violating this provision shall be subject to a term of imprisonment not more than 1 year, a fine of \$500 or both fine and imprisonment. Additionally, no driver of any vehicle shall use a horn when passing a person riding a bicycle, equine or animal-drawn vehicle under normal conditions if no imminent danger of a collision exists. The measure also provides that bicyclists may extend their arm horizontally to the right to signal a right turn and may extend their right hand and arm downward to their right side to signal a stop or decrease in speed.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

The Senate amendments to the measure clarify the modifications to traffic regulations relating to the operation of a bicycle. The amendments also no longer deem it reckless driving to harass or throw an object at a bicyclist, but instead such an act is simply a misdemeanor punishable by a fine.

Upon review, passage of the measure as amended may result in increased fine revenues to the state.

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**Other Considerations**

None.