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Proposed Bill No. 502

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Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION

Introduced by:

SEN. BYE, 5th Dist.

REP. LEMAR, 96th Dist.

REP. MCCARTHY VAHEY, 133rd Dist.

**AN ACT CONCERNING BICYCLE SAFETY AND TRANSPORTATION
OPTIONS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 That the general statutes be amended to require the Department of
2 Transportation to develop and update guidance and standards for
3 protected bikeways, designated bike lanes and complete streets by
4 September 1, 2015, with such requirement to include (1) legislation that
5 will protect bicyclists through intersections, (2) allowance for two-way
6 bike lanes, (3) amendments to existing statute to allow exceptions to
7 the ride-to-the-right rule, (4) a six-month evaluation of a system
8 wherein a driver is allowed under certain circumstances to drive on
9 the left side of the road to protect other road users, and (5) a complete
10 streets pilot program established to address cycle tracks, barrier-
11 protected bike lanes and bike-specific signals. This effort may be
12 funded either through the Local Capital Improvement Fund or by
13 establishment of a ten-million dollar demonstration project fund under
14 which individual projects of varying size may be funded.

Statement of Purpose:

To improve bicyclist safety and transportation options in Connecticut and demonstrate how to implement complete streets.