

**DEPARTMENT TRAFFIC COORDINATOR  
COUNTER-TERRORISM AND SPECIAL OPERATIONS BUREAU**

**NOTICE**  
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October 9, 2014

**TO:** All Commanding Officers

**FROM:** Department Traffic Coordinator, Counter-Terrorism and Special Operations Bureau

**SUBJECT:** VEHICLE CODE SECTION 21760 - THREE FEET FOR SAFETY ACT

This Notice is to inform all personnel of a new California Vehicle Code (CVC) section that was enacted to promote bicycle safety. Effective September 16, 2014, California Vehicle Code Section 21760 has been added, and shall be known and may be cited as the "Three Feet for Safety Act." When a motorist passes or overtakes a bicyclist proceeding in the same direction, there must be a safe distance between any part of the vehicle and any part of the bicycle or bicyclist. A driver convicted of Section 21760 CVC, a point count of one will be added to a violator's driving record. The following is a detailed description of this section and its various subsections:

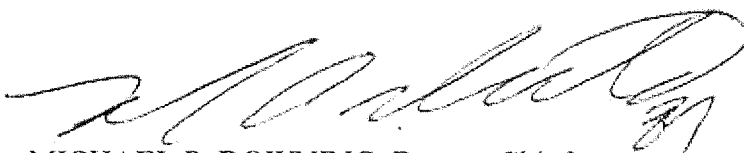
**21760(a) CVC** - This section shall be known and may be cited as the Three Feet for Safety Act.

**21760(b) CVC - Passing More Than Three Feet Away.** The driver of a motor vehicle overtaking a bicycle that is proceeding in the same direction shall do so at a safe distance that does not interfere with the safe operation of the overtaken bicycle, having due regard for the size and speed of the motor vehicle and the bicycle, traffic conditions, traffic, weather, visibility, and road conditions.

**21760(c) CVC - Passing Less Than Three Feet Away.** A driver of a motor vehicle shall not overtake or pass a bicyclist proceeding in the same direction on a highway at a distance of less than three feet.

**21760(d) CVC - Passing Safely At Slow Speed.** If a driver of a motor vehicle is unable to comply with subsection (c), due to traffic or roadway conditions, the driver shall slow to a speed that is reasonable and prudent, and may pass only when doing so would not endanger the safety of the operator of the bicycle, taking into account the size and speed of the motor vehicle and bicycle, traffic conditions, weather, visibility, and road conditions.

If you have any questions regarding this Notice, please contact Traffic Coordination Section, Emergency Operations Division, at (213) 486-0690.



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