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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2011–12 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 819**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Wieckowski**

February 17, 2011

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An act to amend Section ~~890.4~~ 891 of the Streets and Highways Code, relating to bikeways.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 819, as amended, Wieckowski. Bikeways.

Existing law requires the Department of Transportation, in cooperation with county and city governments, to establish minimum safety design criteria for the planning and construction of bikeways, and authorizes cities, counties, and local agencies to establish bikeways. Existing law ~~defines 3 classes of bikeways for its purposes~~ *requires all city, county, regional, and other local agencies responsible for the development or operation of bikeways or roadways where bicycle travel is permitted to utilize all minimum safety design criteria and uniform specifications and symbols for signs, markers, and traffic control devices established pursuant to specified provisions of existing law.*

~~This bill would include a class IV bikeway among the bikeways subject to the above provisions and would define a class IV bikeway to include a segregated bike lane which provides exclusive use of bicycles on streets, as specified~~ *certain bicycle safety guidelines established by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials or the National Association of City Transportation Officials as criteria and specifications that may be*

utilized by a city, county, regional, or other local agency to satisfy that requirement, as specified.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 891 of the Streets and Highways Code is  
2 amended to read:

3 891. All city, county, regional, and other local agencies  
4 responsible for the development or operation of bikeways or  
5 roadways where bicycle travel is permitted shall utilize all  
6 minimum safety design criteria and uniform specifications and  
7 symbols for signs, markers, and traffic control devices established  
8 pursuant to ~~Sections 890.6 and 890.8~~. any one of the following or  
9 a combination of any of the following:

- 10 (a) Sections 890.6 and 890.8.
- 11 (b) The bicycle safety guidelines established by either of the
- 12 following, in each case as in effect as of January 1, 2012:
- 13 (1) American Association of State Highway and Transportation
- 14 Officials.
- 15 (2) National Association of City Transportation Officials.

16 SECTION 1. ~~Section 890.4 of the Streets and Highways Code~~  
17 ~~is amended to read:~~

18 ~~890.4. As used in this article, “bikeway” means all facilities~~  
19 ~~that provide primarily for bicycle travel. For purposes of this~~  
20 ~~article, bikeways shall be categorized as follows:~~

- 21 ~~(a) Class I bikeways, such as a “bike path,” which provide a~~  
22 ~~completely separated right-of-way designated for the exclusive~~  
23 ~~use of bicycles and pedestrians with crossflows by motorists~~  
24 ~~minimized.~~
- 25 ~~(b) Class II bikeways, such as a “bike lane,” which provide a~~  
26 ~~restricted right-of-way designated for the exclusive or~~  
27 ~~semiexclusive use of bicycles with through travel by motor vehicles~~  
28 ~~or pedestrians prohibited, but with vehicle parking and crossflows~~  
29 ~~by pedestrians and motorists permitted.~~
- 30 ~~(c) Class III bikeways, such as an onstreet or offstreet “bike~~  
31 ~~route,” which provide a right-of-way designated by signs or~~  
32 ~~permanent markings and shared with pedestrians or motorists.~~

1     ~~(d) Class IV bikeways, such as “segregated bike lanes,” which~~  
2     ~~provide a completely separated right-of-way designated for the~~  
3     ~~exclusive use of bicycles on streets and are demarcated by either~~  
4     ~~a physical barrier or by distinct paint markings, or both, to~~  
5     ~~minimize or prevent travel by motor vehicles.~~

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