

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 206**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Dickinson**

January 30, 2013

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An act to add Section 35400.8 to the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 206, as introduced, Dickinson. Vehicles: length limitations: buses: bicycle transportation devices.

Existing law imposes a 40-foot limitation on the length of vehicles that may be operated on the highways, with specified exemptions. Existing law exempts from this limitation an articulated bus or trolley and a bus, except a schoolbus, that is operated by a public agency or passenger stage corporation that is used in a transit system if it is equipped with a folding device attached to the front of the vehicle that is designed and used exclusively for transporting bicycles, does not materially affect efficiency or visibility of vehicle safety equipment, and does not extend more than 36 inches from the front of the body of the bus or trolley when fully deployed. In addition, existing law prohibits a bicycle that is transported on the above-described device from having the bicycle handlebars extend more than 42 inches from the front of the vehicle.

This bill would authorize the Sacramento Regional Transit District to install folding devices attached to the front of its buses that are designed and used exclusively for transporting bicycles if the use of the device meets certain requirements, including, but not limited to, that the device does not extend more than 40 inches from the front of the bus when fully deployed, and that the handlebars of the bicycles

being transported do not extend more than 46 inches from the front of the bus. The bill would require the district to submit a report, containing specified requirements, to the Assembly Committee on Transportation and the Senate Committee on Transportation and Housing on or before December 31, 2018.

This bill would make legislative findings and declarations as to the necessity of a special statute for the Sacramento Regional Transit District.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 35400.8 is added to the Vehicle Code,  
2 to read:  
3 35400.8. (a) Notwithstanding Section 35400, the Sacramento  
4 Regional Transit District, created pursuant to Article 1  
5 (commencing with Section 6500) of Chapter 5 of Division 7 of  
6 Title 1 of the Government Code as a joint powers agency, may  
7 install a folding device attached to the front of a bus that is  
8 designed and used exclusively for transporting bicycles if the  
9 following conditions are met:

10 (1) The device does not extend more than 40 inches from the  
11 front body of the bus when fully deployed.

12 (2) The device, including all bicycles transported on the device,  
13 is mounted in a manner that does not materially affect efficiency  
14 or visibility of vehicle safety equipment.

15 (3) The handlebars of a bicycle that is transported on a device  
16 described in this subdivision do not extend more than 46 inches  
17 from the front of the bus.

18 (b) For purposes of this section, “district” means the Sacramento  
19 Regional Transit District.

20 (c) If a folding device is installed pursuant to subdivision (a),  
21 the district shall submit a report in compliance with Section 9795  
22 of the Government Code to the Assembly Committee on  
23 Transportation and the Senate Committee on Transportation and  
24 Housing on or before December 31, 2018. The report shall include  
25 a summary of any vehicular or traffic incidents where the size of  
26 the folding device was a factor, and a summary of the mobility  
27 improvements that these folding devices provide.

1     SEC. 2. The Legislature finds and declares that a special law  
2 is necessary and that a general law cannot be made applicable  
3 within the meaning of Section 16 of Article IV of the California  
4 Constitution because of the unique circumstances of a large number  
5 of bicycle riders using buses operated by the Sacramento Regional  
6 Transit District and the need to determine whether there are safety  
7 considerations in having 40-inch bicycle racks on the front of the  
8 district's buses.

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