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Perhaps the AZ Gov should be contacted to ask him to clean up AZ bicycling laws.

Wayne

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I have to agree with you on this... and this is of the sort of "PSA" that I have long felt needs to be done. Now if only the AZ LEOs were in touch with their governor... simply incredible.

On Jan 29, 10:52 am, Serge Issakov <serge.issa...@gmail.com> wrote:

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LOL, Wayne. Did you see the commented I posted at azbikelaw.org, or was this a coincidence? Here's what I posted:

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At some point the argument needs to be made that the only purpose these bike-specific laws serve is to allow biased law enforcement officers (and lower court judges) to misinterpret them per their anti-bike bias, and wrongfully charge and fine bicyclists.

Many states do not have bike-specific laws (Pennsylvania and North Carolina are two examples), and there is no chaos or mayhem as a result. The laws that govern the behavior of drivers of slow moving vehicles are appropriate and sufficient for governing the behavior drivers of bicycles when they are moving slower than other traffic.

To eliminate anti-bike bias in law enforcement, how about starting a campaign to abolish traffic laws that restrict the behavior of bicyclists specifically?

And no, we don't need to have bike-specific law to give us the right to "take the lane" – all drivers, including those operating slow moving vehicles, have the right to control marked lanes – and so would bicyclists if there was no bike-specific law calling for "far right as practicable" (FRAP) behavior in marked lanes.

FRAP should only apply to bicyclists on roads without marked lanes, as it does to all drivers of slow-moving vehicles, which it would if there were no bike-specific restrictive laws.

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Hadn't seen it. Great response.

Wayne

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Unfortunately the governor doesn't write laws. The executive branch enforces laws the legislative branch creates. The judicial branch interprets the laws. Civics 101.

The governor could issue an executive order to stop enforcing certain laws; that would last only until a case were filed in the state supreme court.

An interesting circus to watch...

On Jan 29, 1:27 pm, Wayne Pein <wp...@nc.rr.com> wrote:

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Ack! Please don't contact Gov. Brewer. That statement on the GOHS site is old, from when the director of the office was quite supportive of bicycling. Since then, democratic Janet Napolitano (then governor) has left AZ to be the Secretary of the Dept. of Homeland Security, and was replaced by republican Jan Brewer, who promptly replaced the director of the GOHS with a new guy, who is quite hostile to cycling. If you mention it, it might get taken down...

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