95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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SB0673

Introduced 2/8/2007, by Sen. Edward D. Maloney

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

625 ILCS 5/11-1514.5 new

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that bicycle riding events, whether for charitable, fundraising, or tourism purposes, that are held fully or partially on a highway shall not be unlawful when a riding event has been approved by the State or local authorities on a highway under their respective jurisdictions. Provides that approval of bicycle highway riding events shall be granted only under conditions that assure reasonable safety for all participants, spectators, and other highway users. Exempts, by agreement with the approving authority, participants in an approved bicycle highway riding event from compliance with any traffic laws that would otherwise be applicable, provided that traffic control is adequate to assure the safety of all highway users.

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AN ACT concerning vehicles.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, 3 represented in the General Assembly:

- Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by adding
 Section 11-1514.5 as follows:
- 6 (625 ILCS 5/11-1514.5 new)
- 7 <u>Sec. 11-1514.5. Bicycle riding events.</u>

Bicycle riding events, whether for charitable, 8 (a) 9 fundraising, or tourism purposes, that are held fully or 10 partially on a highway shall not be unlawful when a riding event has been approved by the State or local authorities on a 11 highway under their respective jurisdictions. Approval of 12 bicycle highway riding events shall be granted only under 13 14 conditions that assure reasonable safety for all participants, spectators, and other highway users. 15

16 <u>(b) By agreement with the approving authority,</u> 17 <u>participants in an approved bicycle highway riding event may be</u> 18 <u>exempted from compliance with any traffic laws that would</u> 19 <u>otherwise be applicable, provided that traffic control is</u> 20 <u>adequate to assure the safety of all highway users.</u>