

# Dangerous and Reckless Cycling (Offences) Bill

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Creating new offences of causing death or serious injury through dangerous or reckless cycling; to make provision regarding minimum sentencing and fines for those convicted of such offences; and for connected purposes.

**B**E IT ENACTED by the Queen’s most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

**1 Regulations**

- (1) The Secretary of State must, within three months of the passing of this Act, lay draft regulations to create new offences of causing death or serious injury through dangerous or reckless cycling and to make provision regarding minimum sentencing and fines for those convicted of such offences. 5
- (2) Regulations under this section are to be made by statutory instrument and may not be made unless a draft of the instrument has been laid before and approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament.

**2 Amendment of Road Traffic Act 1988**

- (1) The Road Traffic Act 1988 is amended as follows. 10
- (2) The existing subsection of section 1 becomes subsection (1) and after it is added—
  - “(2) A person who causes the death of another person by riding a pedal cycle dangerously on a road or other public place is guilty of an offence.” 15
- (3) The existing subsection of section 2B becomes subsection (1) and after it is added—
  - “(2) A person who causes the death of another person by riding a pedal cycle on a road or other public place without due care and attention, or without reasonable consideration for other persons using the road or place, is guilty of an offence.” 20

- (4) In this Act “pedal cycle” has the same meaning as in the Pedal Cycles (Construction and Use) Regulations 1983 (S.I. 1983/1176).

### **3 Offence**

- (1) A person who acts in contravention of regulations made under section 1 commits an offence. 5
- (2) A person guilty of an offence under this Act is liable—
- (a) on summary conviction to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 14 years, an unlimited fine, or both or,
  - (b) on conviction on indictment to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 14 years, an unlimited fine, or both. 10

### **4 Short title, commencement and extent**

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Dangerous and Reckless Cycling (Offences) Act 2012.
- (2) This Act comes into force on the day after the day on which it is passed.
- (3) This Act extends to England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. 15

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