

Pedestrian Safety Bill

HB 43: Creating safe streets and healthy communities

Chief Co-Sponsors: Ill. Sen. Heather Steans (D-Chicago) and Rep. Luis Arroyo (D-Chicago)

The benefits of pedestrian safety

Streets that are safe for pedestrians have benefits that ripple through neighborhoods and urban areas. In addition to decreasing the number of pedestrian injuries, safe streets encourage:

Economic development. Lively streets full of people attract people, which results in more shoppers and customers.

Community building. Safe streets create valuable public spaces where neighbors can interact. They also provide a sense of community identity and pride, which results in increased volunteerism and a perpetuation of community values.

Public health. Safe streets encourage people to get out of their cars and walk or bike.

Environmental benefits. Safe streets provide an alternative to driving, which means fewer cars on the road and less pollution.



Streets are some of our greatest public spaces. Quality public spaces that attract people are essential to vibrant and prosperous communities and urban areas.

What is the Pedestrian Safety Bill?

Current Illinois legislation requires cars to yield, but not stop, for pedestrians in crosswalks, contributing to thousands of deaths and injuries. In Illinois, every year, there are more than 6,000 crashes involving pedestrians, leading to more than 1,000 serious pedestrian injuries and hundreds of pedestrian deaths.

The Pedestrian Safety Bill (HB 43) amends the Illinois Vehicle Code to require drivers to stop for pedestrians in crosswalks.

This law will clarify responsibilities for both drivers and pedestrians.

The Pedestrian Safety Bill has a wide range of support, including the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police, Illinois State Police, AARP, Illinois Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, Access Living, Congress for the New Urbanism, Active Transportation Alliance, and the Metropolitan Planning Council.



Where does the bill stand?

The Pedestrian Safety Bill passed the Illinois House of Representatives and the Senate will be voting on this issue soon.

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