

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY WHITTLESEY, SALVATORE AND RYAN, FEBRUARY 4, 1975

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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 29, 1959 (P.L.58, No.32), entitled "An
2 act consolidating and revising the Vehicle Code, the Tractor
3 Code, the Motor Vehicle Financial Responsibility Act and
4 other acts relating to the ownership, possession and use of
5 vehicles and tractors," further providing for the movement of
6 traffic at intersections regulated by traffic signals.

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 1028, act of April 29,
10 1959 (P.L.58, No.32), known as "The Vehicle Code," is amended to
11 read:

12 Section 1028. Traffic Signal or Signs Interpretations.--

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14 (b) Whenever traffic at an intersection is alternately
15 directed to stop and go, by the use of traffic signals, the
16 colored lights shall indicate as follows, except as otherwise
17 provided in this section:

18 (1) Green--Traffic facing the signal may proceed straight
19 ahead, and make right or left turns, except where no such turns
20 are permitted, when so indicated by official signs. Vehicular

1 traffic shall yield the right of way to pedestrians crossing or
2 who have started to cross the roadway on the green signal and
3 vehicles lawfully within a crosswalk or the intersection at the
4 time such signal was exhibited.

5 (2) Yellow--When Shown Alone.--Traffic facing the signal
6 shall stop before entering the nearest crosswalk at the
7 intersection, but if such stop cannot be made in safety, a
8 vehicle may be driven cautiously through the intersection.

9 (3) Red--Traffic facing the signal shall stop before
10 entering the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection or
11 if none, then before entering the intersection, and shall remain
12 standing until a green indication is shown; however, the driver
13 of a vehicle which is stopped as close as practicable at the
14 entrance to the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection
15 or, if none, then at the entrance of the intersection in
16 obedience to a steady red signal may make a right turn, but
17 shall yield the right-of-way to pedestrians and other traffic
18 proceeding as directed by the signal at said intersection,
19 except that municipal and State authorities may prohibit any
20 such right turn against a steady red signal at any intersection,
21 which prohibition shall be effective when a sign is erected at
22 the intersection giving notice thereof. No movement or turns
23 shall be lawful on red except as otherwise provided in this
24 section.

25 (4) No "U" turns shall be made on a two-way street in a
26 business or residence district, unless they shall be made back
27 of the intersection on such signal, and at such times and places
28 as may be indicated by official signs.

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30 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.