

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2007

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HOUSE DRH50028-MA-37 (1/16)

Short Title: Left Turn on Red.

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Sponsors: Representative Gulley.

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Referred to:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ALLOW LEFT TURNS AT TRAFFIC CONTROL LIGHTS EMITTING  
A STEADY RED LIGHT ON ONE-WAY STREETS UNDER CERTAIN  
CONDITIONS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 20-158(b)(2) reads as rewritten:

"(2) a. When a steady-beam traffic signal is emitting a red light  
controlling traffic approaching an intersection, an approaching  
vehicle facing the red light shall come to a stop and shall not  
enter the intersection. After coming to a complete stop and  
unless prohibited by an appropriate sign, that approaching  
vehicle may make a left or right turn.

b. Any vehicle that turns right under this subdivision shall yield  
the right-of-way to:

1. Other traffic and pedestrians using the intersection; and
2. Pedestrians who are moving towards the intersection,  
who are in reasonably close proximity to the intersection,  
and who are preparing to cross in front of the traffic that  
is required to stop at the red light.

c. Any vehicle that turns left under this subdivision shall be,  
except where prohibited by an appropriate sign, vehicular traffic  
that is:

1. In the leftmost lane of travel on a one-way street;
2. Facing a red light;
3. At an intersection with another one-way street with  
traffic traveling from right to left may enter the

1 intersection and make a left turn into the extreme  
2 left-hand lane lawfully available to traffic.

3 The turning vehicle shall yield the right-of-way to pedestrians  
4 who are moving towards the intersection, who are in reasonably  
5 close proximity to the intersection, and who are preparing to  
6 cross in front of the traffic that is required to stop at the red  
7 light and to other traffic using the intersection.

8 e.d. Failure to yield to a pedestrian under this subdivision shall be  
9 an infraction, and the court may assess a penalty of not more  
10 than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) and not less than one  
11 hundred dollars (\$100.00).

12 d.e. The Department of Transportation shall collect data regarding  
13 the number of individuals who are found responsible for  
14 violations of ~~sub-subdivision~~; sub-subdivisions b. and c. of this  
15 subdivision and the number of pedestrians who are involved in  
16 accidents at intersections because of a driver's failure to yield  
17 the right-of-way while turning left or right at a red light. The  
18 data shall include information regarding the number of disabled  
19 pedestrians, including individuals with visual or  
20 mobility-related disabilities, who are involved in left or right  
21 turn on red accidents. The Department shall report the data  
22 annually to the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight  
23 Committee beginning January 1, 2006."

24 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective December 1, 2007, and applies to  
25 offenses committed on or after that date.