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HOUSE BILL 824

Short Title: Left Turn on Red.

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Sponsors: Representatives Hensley; and Stamey.

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AN ACT TO ALLOW LEFT TURNS ON RED IN CERTAIN SITUATIONS.

3 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 20-158(b) reads as rewritten:

5 "(b) Control of Vehicles at Intersections. –

6	(1)	When a stop sign has been erected or installed at an intersection, it
7		shall be unlawful for the driver of any vehicle to fail to stop in
8		obedience thereto and yield the right-of-way to vehicles operating on
9		the designated main-traveled or through highway. When stop signs
10		have been erected at three or more entrances to an intersection, the
11		driver, after stopping in obedience thereto, may proceed with caution.

Vehicles facing a red light controlling traffic passing straight through 12 (2)an intersection from a steady or strobe beam stoplight shall not enter 13 the intersection while the steady or strobe beam stoplight is emitting a 14 15 red light controlling traffic passing straight through an intersection; provided that, except where prohibited by an appropriate sign, 16 vehicular traffic facing a red light controlling traffic passing straight 17 through an intersection, after coming to a complete stop at the 18 intersection, may enter the intersection to make a right turn but such 19 vehicle shall yield the right-of-way to pedestrians and to other traffic 20 21 using the intersection, intersection; and provided further that, except where prohibited by an appropriate sign, vehicular traffic in the 22 leftmost lane of travel on a one-way street facing a red light at an 23 intersection with another one-way street with traffic travelling from 24

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1right to left, may enter the intersection to make a left turn but the turning vehicle shall yield the right-of-way to pedestrians and to other traffic using the intersection. When the stoplight is emitting a steady yellow circular light on a traffic signal controlling traffic passing straight through an intersection or a steady yellow arrow light on a traffic turning at an intersection, vehicles facing the yellow light are warned that the related green light is being terminated or a red light will be immediately forthcoming. When the stoplight is emitting a steady green light, vehicles may proceed with due care through the intersection subject to the rights of pedestrians and other vehicles as may otherwise be provided by law.12(3)When a flashing red light has been erected or installed at an intersection, approaching vehicles in or approaching the intersection.15The right to proceed shall be subject to the rules applicable to making a stop at a stop sign.17(4)When a flashing yellow light has been erected or installed at an intersection, approaching vehicles facing the yellow flashing light may proceed through the intersection with caution, yielding the right-of- way to vehicles in or approaching the right-of- way to vehicles facing the yellow flashing light may proceed through the intersection.18(5)When a flashing yellow light, flashing light, or other traffic-control device authorized by subsection (a) requires a vehicle to stop at an intersection, the driver shall stop at an appropriately marked stop line, or if none, before entering a marked crosswalk, or if none, before entering the intersection at the point nearest the intersecting street28Sec 2This act becomes effective December 1 1993			
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