

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 824

Short Title: Left Turn on Red.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Hensley; and Stamey.

Referred to: Judiciary III.

April 8, 1993

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

"(b) Control of Vehicles at Intersections. –

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

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

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1 right to left, may enter the intersection to make a left turn but the
2 turning vehicle shall yield the right-of-way to pedestrians and to other
3 traffic using the intersection. When the stoplight is emitting a steady
4 yellow circular light on a traffic signal controlling traffic passing
5 straight through an intersection or a steady yellow arrow light on a
6 traffic signal controlling traffic turning at an intersection, vehicles
7 facing the yellow light are warned that the related green light is being
8 terminated or a red light will be immediately forthcoming. When the
9 stoplight is emitting a steady green light, vehicles may proceed with
10 due care through the intersection subject to the rights of pedestrians
11 and other vehicles as may otherwise be provided by law.

12 (3) When a flashing red light has been erected or installed at an
13 intersection, approaching vehicles facing the red light shall stop and
14 yield the right-of-way to vehicles in or approaching the intersection.
15 The right to proceed shall be subject to the rules applicable to making
16 a stop at a stop sign.

17 (4) When a flashing yellow light has been erected or installed at an
18 intersection, approaching vehicles facing the yellow flashing light may
19 proceed through the intersection with caution, yielding the right-of-
20 way to vehicles in or approaching the intersection.

21 (5) When a stop sign, stoplight, flashing light, or other traffic-control
22 device authorized by subsection (a) requires a vehicle to stop at an
23 intersection, the driver shall stop at an appropriately marked stop line,
24 or if none, before entering a marked crosswalk, or if none, before
25 entering the intersection at the point nearest the intersecting street
26 where the driver has a view of approaching traffic on the intersecting
27 street."

28 Sec. 2. This act becomes effective December 1, 1993.