

Andrew Stoddard proposes the following substitute bill:

Vehicle Accident Liability Amendments

2025 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Andrew Stoddard

Senate Sponsor: Michael K. McKell

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill clarifies that a vehicle operator intending to turn left is not required to yield the right-of-way to a vehicle operator approaching from the opposite direction that fails to stop when required by a stop sign or steady red signal.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- clarifies that a vehicle operator intending to turn left is not required to yield the right-of-way to a vehicle operator approaching from the opposite direction that fails to stop when required by a stop sign or steady red signal at the intersection; and

- makes technical changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

41-6a-903, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2015, Chapter 412

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **41-6a-903** is amended to read:

41-6a-903 . Yield right-of-way -- Vehicle turning left -- Entering or crossing highway other than from another roadway -- Merging lanes.

(1) The operator of a vehicle:

(a) except as provided in Subsection (2), intending to turn to the left shall yield the right-of-way to any vehicle operator approaching from the opposite direction which is so close to the turning vehicle operator as to constitute an immediate hazard;

30 (b) about to enter or cross a highway from any place other than another highway shall
31 yield the right-of-way to all [~~vehicles~~] vehicle operators approaching on the highway
32 to be entered or crossed; and

33 (c) traveling in a lane that is about to merge into a continuing lane, shall yield the
34 right-of-way to all [~~vehicles~~] vehicle operators traveling in the continuing lane and
35 which are so close as to be an immediate hazard.

36 (2) The operator of a vehicle intending to turn to the left at an intersection is not required to
37 yield the right-of-way to a vehicle operator approaching from the opposite direction if
38 the vehicle operator approaching from the opposite direction fails to stop when required
39 to stop by a stop sign or steady red signal at that intersection.

40 (3) A law enforcement officer has discretion to issue a citation to either or both vehicle
41 operators described in Subsection (2).

42 [~~(2)~~] (4) A violation of Subsection (1) is an infraction.

43 Section 2. **Effective date.**

44 This bill takes effect on May 7, 2025.