Traffic Amendments

2026 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill removes the requirement for signaling a turn while operating a vehicle in a roundabout.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- removes the requirement to signal intention to turn when navigating a roundabout; and
- makes technical changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

41-6a-804, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 99

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

Section 1. Section **41-6a-804** is amended to read:

41-6a-804 . Turning or changing lanes -- Safety -- Signals -- Stopping or sudden decrease in speed -- Signal flashing -- Where prohibited.

(1)[~~(a) A person~~] An individual may not turn a vehicle, merge into a continuing lane from a lane of travel that is ending, or otherwise move right or left on a roadway or change lanes until:

[~~(i)~~] (a) the movement can be made with reasonable safety; and

[~~(ii)~~] (b) an appropriate signal has been given as provided under this section.

[~~(b)~~] (c) An individual shall give a[~~A~~] signal of intention to turn right or left or to change lanes[~~ shall be given~~] continuously for at least the last two seconds[~~ preceding~~] before the beginning of the movement.

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(2) [~~A person~~] An individual may not stop or suddenly decrease the speed of a vehicle without first giving an appropriate signal to the operator of[~~any~~] a vehicle immediately to the rear when there is opportunity to give a signal.

(3)(a) [~~A~~] An individual shall give a stop or turn signal when required[~~shall be given~~] , either by the hand and arm or by signal lamps.

(b) [~~If hand and arm signals are used, a person~~] If an individual operating a vehicle uses hand and arm signals, the individual shall give the required hand and arm signals from the left side of the vehicle as follows:

(i) left turn: hand and arm extended horizontally;

(ii) right turn: hand and arm extended upward; and

(iii) stop or decrease speed: hand and arm extended downward.

(c)(i) [~~A person~~] An individual operating a bicycle or device propelled by human power may give the required hand and arm signals for a right turn by extending the right hand and arm horizontally to the right.

(ii) This Subsection (3)(c) is an exception to[~~the provision of~~] Subsection (3)(b)(ii).

(4) [~~A person~~] An individual required to[~~make a~~] signal under this section may not flash a signal:

(a) on one side only on a disabled vehicle;

(b) as a courtesy or "do pass" to operators of other vehicles approaching from the rear; or

(c) on one side only of a parked vehicle.

(5) Notwithstanding the requirements of this section, an individual is not required to make a signal of intention to turn when entering Ĥ→ [**~~, driving through,~~**] ←Ĥ or exiting a roundabout.

[~~(5)~~] (6) A violation of this section is an infraction.

Section 2. **Effective Date.**

This bill takes effect on May 6, 2026.