

TRAFFIC FLOW AMENDMENTS

2018 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Ken Ivory

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill amends provisions related to safe operation of a vehicle through a red light in certain situations.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

▶ allows an operator of a vehicle at a red light on a highway with a speed limit of 55 miles per hour or lower during a time of extremely low traffic levels to proceed through the red light if the operator reasonably determines that:

- no other vehicle is at or near the intersection that might compromise the safety of either vehicle if the operator proceeds through the intersection;

- no pedestrian **H→ or bicyclist ←H** is attempting to cross at or near the intersection; and

- no other safety concern exists.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

41-6a-305, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2015, Chapter 412



59 is warned that the allowable movement related to a green signal is being terminated.

60 (b) Unless otherwise directed by a pedestrian traffic-control signal under Section
61 41-6a-306, a pedestrian facing a steady circular yellow or yellow arrow signal is advised that
62 there is insufficient time to cross the roadway before a red indication is shown, and a pedestrian
63 may not start to cross the roadway.

64 (4) (a) Except as provided in [~~Subsection~~] Subsections (4)(c) and (4)(d), the operator of
65 a vehicle facing a steady circular red or red arrow signal:

66 (i) may not enter the intersection unless entering the intersection to make a movement
67 is permitted by another indication; and

68 (ii) shall stop at a clearly marked stop line, but if none, before entering the marked or
69 unmarked crosswalk on the near side of the intersection and shall remain stopped until an
70 indication to proceed is shown.

71 (b) Unless otherwise directed by a pedestrian traffic-control signal under Section
72 41-6a-306, a pedestrian facing a steady red signal alone may not enter the roadway.

73 (c) (i) (A) The operator of a vehicle facing a steady circular red signal may cautiously
74 enter the intersection to turn right, or may turn left from a one-way street into a one-way street,
75 after stopping as required by Subsection (4)(a).

76 (B) If permitted by a traffic control device on the state highway system, the operator of
77 a vehicle facing a steady red arrow signal may cautiously enter the intersection to turn left from
78 a one-way street into a one-way street after stopping as required by Subsection (4)(a).

79 (ii) The operator of a vehicle under Subsection (4)(c)(i) shall yield the right-of-way to:

80 (A) another vehicle moving through the intersection in accordance with an official
81 traffic-control signal; and

82 (B) a pedestrian lawfully within an adjacent crosswalk.

83 (d) If an operator of a vehicle on a highway with a speed limit of 55 miles per hour or
84 lower faces a steady circular red signal during a time of extremely low traffic levels where no
85 other vehicle is at the intersection, the operator may, after coming to a complete stop, proceed
86 through the intersection if the operator reasonably determines that:

87 (i) no other vehicle is at or near the intersection that might compromise the safety of
88 any vehicle if the operator proceeds through the intersection;

89 (ii) no pedestrian $\hat{H}\rightarrow$ or bicyclist $\leftarrow\hat{H}$ is attempting to cross $\hat{H}\rightarrow$ [~~in a crosswalk~~] $\leftarrow\hat{H}$
89a at $\hat{H}\rightarrow$ or near $\leftarrow\hat{H}$ the intersection; and