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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-NINE

AN ACT Relating to Traffic Control Signals.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

R. S., c. 19, § 77-A, additional. Chapter 19 of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to be numbered 77-A, to read as follows:

Sec. 77-A. Traffic control signals regulated. Whenever traffic is controlled by traffic-control signals exhibiting the words "Go," "Caution," or "Stop," or exhibiting different colored lights successively one at a time, or in combination, or with arrows, the following colors only shall be used and said terms and lights shall indicate and apply to drivers of vehicles and pedestrians as follows:

I. Green alone or "Go."

A. Vehicular traffic facing the signal, except when prohibited under section 82, may proceed straight through or turn right or left unless a sign at such place prohibits either such turn. But vehicular traffic shall yield the right of way to other vehicles and to pedestrians lawfully within the intersection at the time such signal is exhibited.

B. Pedestrians facing the signal may proceed across the roadway within any crosswalk.

II. Yellow alone or "Caution" when shown following the green or "Go" signal.

A. Vehicular traffic facing the signal shall stop before entering the nearest crosswalk at the intersection, but if such stop cannot be made in safety a vehicle may be driven cautiously through the intersection.

B. Pedestrians facing such signal are thereby advised that there is insufficient time to cross the roadway, and any pedestrian then starting to cross shall yield the right of way to all vehicles.

III. Red alone or "Stop."

A. Vehicular traffic facing the signal shall stop before entering the nearest crosswalk at an intersection or at such other point as may be indicated by a clearly visible line and shall remain standing until green or "Go" is shown alone.

B. No pedestrian facing such signal shall enter the roadway unless he can do so safely and without interfering with any vehicular traffic.

IV. Red with green arrow.

A. Vehicular traffic facing such signal may cautiously enter the intersection only to make the movement indicated by such arrow but shall yield the right of way to pedestrians lawfully within a crosswalk and to other traffic lawfully using the intersection.

B. No pedestrian facing such signal shall enter the roadway unless he can do so safely and without interfering with any vehicular traffic.

V. Whenever flashing red or yellow signals are used they shall require obedience by vehicular traffic as follows:

A. Flashing red (stop signal). When a red lens is illumined by rapid intermittent flashes, drivers of vehicles shall stop before entering the nearest crosswalk at an interseciton or at a limit line when marked and the right to proceed shall be subject to the rules applicable after making a stop at a stop sign.

B. Flashing yellow (caution signal). When a yellow lens is illumined with rapid intermittent flashes, drivers of vehicles may proceed through the intersection or past such signal only with caution.

C. Red and yellow (pedestrian signal). While the red and yellow lenses are illumined together, drivers shall not enter the intersection and the intersection shall be reserved for the exclusive use of pedestrians.'