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In Senate, January 24, 1972

Committee on Transportation suggested.

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary

Presented by Senator Greeley of Waldo.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-TWO

AN ACT Relating to Traffic-control Signals.

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

R. S., T. 29, § 947, sub-§§ 2 and 3, repealed and replaced. Subsections 2 and 3 of section 947 of Title 29 of the Revised Statutes, as repealed and replaced by section 14 of chapter 245 of the public laws of 1967, are repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

2. Steady yellow indication.

A. Vehicular traffic facing a steady circular yellow or yellow arrow signal is thereby warned that the related green movement is being terminated or that a red indication will be exhibited immediately thereafter when vehicular traffic shall not enter the intersection.

B. Pedestrians facing a steady circular yellow or yellow arrow signal, unless otherwise directed by a pedestrian-control signal as provided in section 950, are thereby advised that there is insufficient time to cross the roadway before a red indication is shown and no pedestrian shall start to cross the roadway.

3. Steady red indication.

A. Vehicular traffic facing a steady circular red signal shall stop before entering the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection or, if none, then before entering the intersection and shall remain standing until an indication to proceed is shown, except as provided in paragraph C.

B. Unless otherwise directed by a pedestrian-control signal as provided in section 950, pedestrians facing a steady circular red signal alone shall not enter the roadway.

C. All vehicular traffic facing a steady circular red signal at an intersection where a traffic sign permits turning onto the intersecting traffic lane may cautiously enter the intersection to make the turn indicated and permitted by the traffic sign after stopping as required by paragraph A. All vehicular traffic executing a turn permitted at an intersection shall yield the right of way to pedestrians upon a crosswalk adjacent to the intersection and to all traffic moving on the lanes having the green or "Go" signal at the intersection.

D. Vehicular traffic facing a steady red arrow indication may not enter the intersection to make the movement indicated by such arrow, and unless entering the intersection to make such other movement as is permitted by other indications shown at the same time shall stop before entering the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection, or if none, then before entering the intersection and shall remain standing until an indication to make the movement indicated by such arrow is shown.

E. Unless otherwise directed by a pedestrian signal, pedestrians facing a steady red arrow signal indication shall not enter the roadway.

STATEMENT OF FACT

A new manual for standardized traffic control devices has been developed on a nationwide basis and has been approved for usage by the Federal Highway Administration. In order to be able to comply with the requirements of the new manual and provide for safe, efficient traffic movement at signalized intersections, changes in the traffic signal indications relating to yellow, red and green arrows are required.