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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 43, L.D. 60, Bill,  
"AN ACT to Permit Vehicular Traffic to Turn Right at a  
Red Light."

Amend the Bill by striking out everything after  
the enacting clause and inserting in its place the  
following:

'Sec. 1. 29 MRSA §947, sub-§3, ¶C, as enacted by PL  
1971, c. 557, is repealed and the following enacted in its  
place:

C. All vehicular traffic facing a steady circular red signal  
at an intersection may cautiously enter the intersection  
to make a right turn as required by paragraph A, unless  
such a turn is prohibited by an appropriate sign such as  
"NO RIGHT TURN ON RED." The local community and the Department  
of Transportation in determining whether or not to prohibit a  
right turn on red shall consider at least the following  
factors: Proximity of schools; proximity of fire stations;  
proximity of residences or institutions for the blind;  
number of pedestrians using the intersection and the  
complexity of the intersection. All vehicular traffic  
executing such a turn shall yield the right-of-way to pedestrian  
upon a crosswalk adjacent to the intersection and to all  
traffic moving on the lanes having the green "Go" signal  
at the intersection.

Sec. 2. Effective date. This Act shall become effective on May 1, 1978.'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to permit vehicular traffic to make a right turn at a red light at all times unless such a turn is expressly forbidden. The process of implementation of this amendment shall be as follows.

1. The Department of Transportation will coordinate a review of each signal with the local community.

2. The Department of Transportation will assist communities in formulating local ordinances for adoption where right turn on red may be prohibited.

3. The Department of Transportation will concur in ordinances mutually developed and adopted by the communities.

4. The Department of Transportation will erect the initial signs prohibiting right turn on red.

Reported by the Committee on Transportation.

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