

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 129

H. P. 105

House of Representatives, January 20, 1977

Referred to the Committee on Transportation. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Strout of Corinth.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT to Permit Vehicular Traffic to Turn Right at a Red Light.

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

29 MRSA § 947, sub-§ 3, ¶ C, as enacted by PL 1971, c. 557, is repealed and the following enacted in its place: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 after stopping as required by paragraph A, unless such a turn is prohibited by an appropriate sign such as "No right turn on red." All vehicular traffic executing such a turn 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.

FISCAL NOTE

The posting of intersections with appropriate signs such as "No right turn on red" will cost between \$10,000 and \$15,000.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to permit vehicular traffic to make a right turn at a red light at all times unless such a turn is expressly forbidden. Legislation to allow a right to turn on red at certain traffic intersections in the State of Maine will save the gasoline which would normally be consumed in idling at the intersection waiting for the light to change. Presently there are 38 states which allow right turn on a red light.