

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1527

H. P. 1294

House of Representatives, April 11, 1977

On motion of Mr. Carroll of Limerick, referred to the Committee on Transportation. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Cunningham of New Gloucester.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT to Regulate Left Turns at Traffic Light Controlled Intersections.

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

29 MRSA § 947, sub-§ 1, as repealed and replaced by PL 1967, c. 245, § 14, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

1. Green or "go;" green alone or "go."

A. Vehicular traffic facing the signal may proceed straight through or turn right or left unless a sign at such place prohibits either such turn. The driver of any vehicle intending to turn left which is facing the signal and within the intersection shall:

(1) Yield to a vehicle approaching from the opposite direction which also faces a green or "go" signal when that vehicle is within the intersection;

(2) Yield to a vehicle which is approaching so close to the intersection as to constitute an immediate hazard; and

(3) Give a signal when and as required by law.

The driver of a left-turning vehicle, having so yielded and signaled may make the left turn and other vehicles approaching the intersection from the opposite direction shall yield to the driver making the left turn. Notwithstanding the provisions of this subsection, traffic control signals may provide otherwise for the left turning of vehicles.

B. Vehicular traffic facing the signal shall yield the right-of-way to other vehicles and to pedestrians lawfully within the intersection at the time the signal is exhibited.

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

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill would provide that vehicles at intersections controlled by traffic lights which are making a left turn may, after yielding to any vehicles approaching from the opposite direction which are in the intersection or so close thereto as to create a hazard, proceed and all vehicles approaching from the opposite direction shall yield to the turning vehicle.