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House of Representatives, February 20, 1997

An Act to Allow a Left Turn on a Red Light on One-way Streets.

Submitted by the Department of Transportation pursuant to Joint Rule 204.
Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative SAVAGE of Union.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BIGL of Bucksport, CHARTRAND of Rockland,
DRISCOLL of Calais, FISHER of Brewer, GIERINGER of Portland, LABRECQUE of
Gorham, LINDAHL of Northport, LOVETT of Scarborough.

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

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Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2057, sub-§1, ¶C, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5 is amended to read:

C. A red light:

(1) If steady and circular, means the operator must stop and remain standing until an indication to proceed is shown.

An operator may cautiously enter the intersection to make a right turn after stopping, unless prohibited by an appropriate sign such as "NO RIGHT TURN ON RED."

An operator executing a turn shall yield the right-of-way to pedestrians on a crosswalk and to a vehicle having a green signal at the intersection;

An operator may cautiously enter the intersection to make a left turn after stopping only when expressly allowed by an appropriate sign such as "ONE-WAY STREET: LEFT TURN ALLOWED ON RED AFTER STOPPING" in cases where both roadways are one-way streets.

(2) If a steady arrow, means the operator may not enter the intersection to make the movement indicated by that arrow; or

(3) If showing rapid intermittent flashes, means the operator must stop and then proceed as if at a stop sign.

SUMMARY

This bill allows a driver to make a left turn after stopping at a red light if both roads at an intersection are one-way streets.