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House of Representatives, March 19, 2013

**An Act To Allow Motorists To Proceed through an Intersection
after Stopping for a Red Light**

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative LOCKMAN of Amherst.
Cosponsored by Senator MASON of Androscoggin and
Representatives: JOHNSON of Eddington, MALABY of Hancock.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2057, sub-§1, ¶C**, as repealed and replaced by PL 2003, c.
3 452, Pt. Q, §36 and affected by Pt. X, §2, is amended to read:

4 C. A red light, if steady and circular, means:

5 (1) The operator must stop and remain stationary until an indication to proceed is
6 shown; or

7 (2) The operator may cautiously enter the intersection to ~~make a right~~ proceed
8 straight through or turn right or left after stopping if:

9 (a) Not prohibited by an appropriate sign such as "NO ~~RIGHT TURN~~
10 PROCEEDING ON RED"; and

11 (b) The operator executing a turn or proceeding straight through yields the
12 right-of-way to pedestrians on a crosswalk and to a vehicle having a green
13 signal at the intersection.

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

16 **2. Basis for prohibiting proceeding.** A municipality or the Department of
17 Transportation, in determining whether to prohibit a proceeding straight through or
18 turning right ~~turn~~ or left on a red light, must consider at least the following factors:

19 A. The proximity to that light of schools, fire stations, residences or institutions for
20 the blind;

21 B. The number of pedestrians using the intersection; and

22 C. The complexity of the intersection.

23 **SUMMARY**

24 This bill allows a vehicle to proceed straight through or turn right or left after
25 stopping at a red light if conditions allow and if there is no sign indicating it is prohibited.