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H.P. 622

House of Representatives, March 12, 2015

**An Act To Allow in Certain Circumstances Two-wheeled Vehicles  
To Proceed through Red Lights and Make Right Turns on Red in  
Contravention of Posted Prohibitions**

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Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative BATTLE of South Portland.  
Cosponsored by Representative BEAVERS of South Berwick, Senator MIRAMANT of Knox  
and Representatives: DAVITT of Hampden, HARLOW of Portland, LONG of Sherman,  
NADEAU of Winslow, PARRY of Arundel, VEROW of Brewer, Senators: DIAMOND of  
Cumberland, LIBBY of Androscoggin.

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2 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2057, sub-§1, ¶C**, as repealed and replaced by PL 2003, c.  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** Except as provided by paragraph C-3, 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 turn after  
8 stopping if:

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

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

13 **Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA §2057, sub-§1, ¶C-3** is enacted to read:

14 C-3. Notwithstanding paragraph C, the operator of a motorcycle, moped or bicycle  
15 as defined in section 2063, subsection 1 facing a red light, if steady and circular, after  
16 stopping for a reasonable amount of time may proceed cautiously through the  
17 intersection before the light on the traffic-control device turns green if no other  
18 vehicles are present at the intersection to actuate the traffic-control device. The  
19 operator of a motorcycle, moped or bicycle proceeding through a red light under this  
20 paragraph shall yield the right-of-way to any vehicular traffic proceeding through a  
21 green light at the intersection or a pedestrian lawfully within a crosswalk or using the  
22 intersection.

23 **SUMMARY**

24 This bill allows the operator of a motorcycle, moped or bicycle, including a  
25 motorized bicycle, motorized tricycle or motorized scooter, facing a steady and circular  
26 red light, after stopping for a reasonable amount of time, to proceed cautiously through  
27 the intersection before the light on the traffic-control device turns green if no other  
28 vehicles are present at the intersection to actuate the traffic-control device.