
DIGEST

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HB No. 396

Abstract: Provides relative to certain traffic control signals.

Present law provides that traffic facing a steady yellow signal alone shall be warned that the related green light signal is being terminated or that a red light signal will be exhibited immediately following the yellow signal and that vehicular traffic shall not enter or be crossing the intersection. Proposed law modifies present law to restrict vehicular traffic from crossing such intersection.

Present law provides when a traffic sign prohibits a turn, vehicular traffic facing any steady red signal may cautiously enter the intersection to turn right, or to turn left from a one-way street into a one-way street, after stopping as required by present law. Such vehicular traffic shall yield the right-of-way to pedestrians lawfully within an adjacent crosswalk and to other traffic lawfully using the intersection. Proposed law includes vehicular traffic making a U-turn at a signalized U-turn in this provision.

Proposed law provides that during a flashing YELLOW arrow indication, vehicular traffic, on an approach to an intersection, facing a flashing yellow arrow signal indication, displayed alone or in combination with another signal indication, is permitted to cautiously enter the intersection only to make the movement indicated by such arrow. In addition, vehicular traffic facing a flashing yellow arrow, turning left or making a U-turn to the left shall yield the right-of-way to other vehicles approaching from the opposite direction. Such vehicular traffic, including making a U-Turn, shall yield the right-of-way to pedestrians lawfully within the associated crosswalk, and to other vehicles lawfully within the intersection.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 32:232(2)(a), (3)(c), and (4); Adds R.S. 32:232(5))