Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE BILL NO. 396

BY REPRESENTATIVE TERRY LANDRY

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact R.S. 32:232(2)(a), (3)(c), and (4) and to enact R.S. 32:232(5), relative
3	to traffic control signals; to provide for vehicular traffic regulations under certain
4	conditions; and to provide for related matters.
5	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
6	Section 1. R.S. 32:232(2)(a), (3)(c), and (4) are hereby amended and reenacted and
7	R.S. 32:232(5) is hereby enacted to read as follows:
8	§232. Traffic-control signals
9	Whenever traffic is controlled by traffic-control signals exhibiting different
10	colored lights, or colored lighted arrows, successively one at a time or in
1	combination, only the colors green, red, and yellow shall be used, except for special
12	pedestrian signals carrying a word legend, and said lights shall indicate and apply to
13	drivers of vehicles and pedestrians as follows:
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15	(2) Steady YELLOW indication:
16	(a) Vehicular traffic facing a steady yellow signal alone is thereby warned
17	that the related green signal is being terminated or that a red signal will be exhibited
18	immediately thereafter and such vehicular traffic shall not enter or be crossing the
19	intersection when the red signal is exhibited.
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21	(3) Steady RED indication:
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(c) Except when a 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, or to U-turn at a signalized U-turn after stopping as required by Subparagraph (a) or Subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph. Such vehicular traffic shall yield the right-of-way to pedestrians lawfully within an adjacent crosswalk and to other traffic lawfully using the intersection.

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(4) When a flashing YELLOW arrow indication is activated, 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 vehicles 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.

(4)(5) In the event an official traffic-control signal is erected and maintained at a place other than an intersection, the provisions of this Section shall be applicable except as to those provisions which by their nature can have no application. Any stop required shall be made at a sign or marking on the pavement indicating where the stop shall be made, but in the absence of any such sign or marking, the stop shall be made at the signal.

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Section 2. The Act shall become effective upon signature of the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of time for bills to become law without signature of the governor, as provided in Article III, Section 18, of the Constitution of Louisiana. If

1	vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall bec	ome
2	effective on the day following such approval.	
	SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES	
	SIEMER OF THE HOUSE OF REFRESERVITATIVES	
	PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE	
	GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA	

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