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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 28-645, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO TRAFFIC SIGNS,
SIGNALS AND MARKINGS.

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1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 28-645, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 28-645. Traffic control signal legend

5 A. If traffic is controlled by traffic control signals exhibiting
6 different colored lights or colored lighted arrows successively one at a time
7 or in combination, only the colors green, red and yellow shall be used,
8 except for special pedestrian signals carrying a word legend. The lights
9 shall indicate and apply to drivers of vehicles and pedestrians as follows:

10 1. Green indication:

11 (a) Vehicular traffic facing a green signal may proceed straight
12 through or turn right or left unless a sign at that place prohibits either
13 turn. Vehicular traffic, including vehicles turning right or left, shall
14 yield the right-of-way to other vehicles and to pedestrians lawfully within
15 the intersection or an adjacent crosswalk at the time the signal is
16 exhibited.

17 (b) Vehicular traffic facing a green arrow signal, shown alone or in
18 combination with another indication, may cautiously enter the intersection
19 only to make the movement indicated by such arrow or such other movement as
20 is permitted by other indications shown at the same time. Vehicular traffic
21 shall yield the right-of-way to pedestrians lawfully within an adjacent
22 crosswalk and to other traffic lawfully using the intersection.

23 (c) Unless otherwise directed by a pedestrian control signal as
24 provided in section 28-646, pedestrians facing any green signal, except if
25 the sole green signal is a turn arrow, may proceed across the roadway within
26 any marked or unmarked crosswalk.

27 2. Steady yellow indication:

28 (a) Vehicular traffic facing a steady yellow signal is warned by the
29 signal that the related green movement is being terminated or that a red
30 indication will be exhibited immediately thereafter when vehicular traffic
31 shall not enter the intersection.

32 (b) Unless otherwise directed by a pedestrian control signal as
33 provided in section 28-646, pedestrians facing a steady yellow signal are
34 advised by the signal that there is insufficient time to cross the roadway
35 before a red indication is shown and a pedestrian shall not then start to
36 cross the roadway.

37 3. Red indication:

38 (a) Except as provided in subdivisions (b) and (c) of this paragraph,
39 vehicular traffic facing a steady red signal alone shall stop before entering
40 the intersection and shall remain standing until an indication to proceed is
41 shown. On receipt of a record of judgment for a violation of this
42 subdivision or an act in another jurisdiction that if committed in this state
43 would be a violation of this section, the department shall order the person
44 to attend and successfully complete traffic survival school training and
45 educational sessions within sixty days after the department issues the

1 order. Notwithstanding section 28-3315, if the person fails to attend or
2 successfully complete traffic survival school training and educational
3 sessions, the department shall suspend the person's driving privilege
4 pursuant to section 28-3306 until the person attends and successfully
5 completes traffic survival school training and educational sessions. A
6 person whose driving privilege is suspended pursuant to this subdivision may
7 request a hearing. If the person requests a hearing, the department shall
8 conduct the hearing as prescribed in section 28-3306. A law enforcement
9 officer or a jurisdiction issuing a citation to a person who violates this
10 subdivision shall provide written notice to the person that if eligible, the
11 person may attend defensive driving school or, if not eligible or if the
12 person chooses not to attend defensive driving school and is ~~convicted~~ FOUND
13 RESPONSIBLE or enters a plea of responsible for a violation of this
14 subsection, the person must attend and successfully complete traffic survival
15 school training and educational sessions. The notice shall include a
16 reference to red light violations and state that if the person is required to
17 attend traffic survival school the person will receive notice from the motor
18 vehicle division.

19 (b) The driver of a vehicle that is stopped in obedience to a red
20 signal and as close as practicable at the entrance to the crosswalk on the
21 near side of the intersection, or if there is no crosswalk, then at the
22 entrance to the intersection, may make a right turn but shall yield the
23 right-of-way to pedestrians and other traffic proceeding as directed by the
24 signal. A right turn may be prohibited against a red signal at any
25 intersection if a sign prohibiting the turn is erected at the intersection.

26 (c) The driver of a vehicle on a one-way street that intersects
27 another one-way street on which traffic moves to the left shall stop in
28 obedience to a red signal but may then make a left turn into the one-way
29 street. The driver shall yield the right-of-way to pedestrians and other
30 traffic proceeding as directed by the signal at the intersection, except that
31 such left turn may be prohibited if a sign prohibiting the turn is erected at
32 the intersection.

33 (d) Unless otherwise directed by a pedestrian control signal as
34 provided in section 28-646, a pedestrian facing a steady red signal alone
35 shall not enter the roadway.

36 B. If an official traffic control signal is erected and maintained at
37 a place other than an intersection, this section applies except as to those
38 provisions of this section that by their nature can have no application. Any
39 stop required shall be made at a sign or marking on the pavement indicating
40 where the stop shall be made, but in the absence of a sign or marking the
41 stop shall be made at the signal.

42 C. The driver of a vehicle approaching an intersection that has an
43 official traffic control signal that is inoperative shall bring the vehicle
44 to a complete stop before entering the intersection and may proceed with
45 caution only when it is safe to do so. If two or more vehicles approach an

1 intersection from different streets or highways at approximately the same
2 time and the official traffic control signal for the intersection is
3 inoperative, the driver of each vehicle shall bring the vehicle to a complete
4 stop before entering the intersection and the driver of the vehicle on the
5 left shall yield the right-of-way to the driver of the vehicle on the right.