HB 402 -- LEFT TURN ON RED

SPONSOR: Basye

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Transportation by a vote of 12 to 2.

This bill allows that when following certain criteria drivers may turn left after stopping at a red light for one-way streets.

This bill is similar to HB 2432 (2018).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that most other states have this rule which is just as safe as the right turn on red rule given the configuration of one way streets specified in the bill.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Basye and Ben Ross.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill say they are neutral on its adoption and empirical safety studies should be consulted. The bill could help with traffic flow in larger cities with certain diamond intersections.

Testifying on the bill was the Missouri Department of Transportation.