

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 2953

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE MURRAY.

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JOSEPH ENGLER, Chief Clerk

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## AN ACT

To repeal section 304.281, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to red light violations, with penalty provisions.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Section 304.281, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 304.281, to read as follows:

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

(1) Green indication

(a) Vehicular traffic facing a circular green signal may proceed straight through or turn right or left unless a sign at such place prohibits either such turn. But vehicular traffic, including vehicles turning right or left, shall yield the right-of-way to other vehicles and to pedestrians lawfully within the intersection or an adjacent crosswalk at the time such signal is exhibited;

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

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

17 (c) Unless otherwise directed by a pedestrian control signal, as provided in section  
18 304.291, pedestrians facing any green signal, except when the sole green signal is a turn  
19 arrow, may proceed across the roadway within any marked or unmarked crosswalk.

20 (2) Steady yellow indication

21 (a) Vehicular traffic facing a steady yellow signal is thereby warned that the related  
22 green movement is being terminated or that a red indication will be exhibited immediately  
23 thereafter when vehicular traffic shall not enter the intersection;

24 (b) Pedestrians facing a steady yellow signal, unless otherwise directed by a  
25 pedestrian control signal as provided in section 304.291, are thereby advised that there is  
26 insufficient time to cross the roadway before a red indication is shown and no pedestrian shall  
27 then start to cross the roadway.

28 (3) Steady red indication

29 (a) Vehicular traffic facing a steady red signal alone shall stop before entering the  
30 crosswalk on the near side of the intersection at a clearly marked stop line but, if none, then  
31 before entering the intersection and shall remain standing until an indication to proceed is  
32 shown except as provided in paragraph (b);

33 (b) The driver of a vehicle which is stopped as close as practicable at the entrance to  
34 the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection or, if none, then at the entrance to the  
35 intersection in obedience to a red signal, may cautiously enter the intersection to make a right  
36 turn but shall yield the right-of-way to pedestrians and other traffic proceeding as directed by  
37 the signal at the intersection, except that the state highways and transportation commission  
38 with reference to an intersection involving a state highway, and local authorities with  
39 reference to an intersection involving other highways under their jurisdiction, may prohibit  
40 any such right turn against a red signal at any intersection where safety conditions so require,  
41 said prohibition shall be effective when a sign is erected at such intersection giving notice  
42 thereof;

43 (c) Unless otherwise directed by a pedestrian control signal as provided in section  
44 304.291, pedestrians facing a steady red signal alone shall not enter the roadway.

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

50 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 304.361, violation of this section is a  
51 ~~class C~~ **class B** misdemeanor, **except that violation of this section shall be a class A**

52 **misdemeanor when a pedestrian is struck by a vehicle operated in violation of this**  
53 **section.**

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