

SENATE BILL 834

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By: **Senator Young**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – Rules of the Road – Authorized Turns on Red After Yielding**

3 FOR the purpose of creating for certain authorized turns an exception to the
4 requirement that vehicular traffic facing a steady circular red signal stop at the
5 near side of the intersection at certain points; authorizing vehicular traffic
6 facing a steady red signal to cautiously enter the intersection and make a right
7 turn after yielding to any traffic coming from the left or a left turn from a
8 one-way street onto another one-way street after yielding to any traffic coming
9 from the right; and generally relating to authorized turns by vehicular traffic
10 facing a steady red signal.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
12 Article – Transportation
13 Section 21–202(a) and (k) and 21–502(a)(2)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
17 Article – Transportation
18 Section 21–202(h)(1) and (i)
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

21 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
22 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

23 **Article – Transportation**

24 21–202.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (a) (1) Except for special pedestrian signals that carry a legend, where
 2 traffic is controlled by traffic control signals that show different colored lights or
 3 colored lighted arrows, whether successively one at a time or in combination, only the
 4 colors green, red, and yellow may be used.

5 (2) These lights apply to drivers and pedestrians as provided in this
 6 section.

7 (h) (1) Vehicular traffic facing a steady circular red signal alone:

8 (i) [Shall] **EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (I) OF**
 9 **THIS SECTION, SHALL** stop at the near side of the intersection:

- 10 1. At a clearly marked stop line;
 11 2. If there is no clearly marked stop line, before entering
 12 any crosswalk; or
 13 3. If there is no crosswalk, before entering the
 14 intersection; and

15 (ii) Except as provided in subsections (i), (j), and (k) of this
 16 section, shall remain stopped until a signal to proceed is shown.

17 (i) Unless a sign prohibiting a turn is in place, vehicular traffic facing a
 18 steady red signal[, after stopping as required by subsection (h) of this section,]
 19 cautiously may enter the intersection and make:

20 (1) A right turn, **AFTER YIELDING TO ANY TRAFFIC COMING FROM**
 21 **THE LEFT**; or

22 (2) A left turn from a one-way street onto a one-way street, **AFTER**
 23 **YIELDING TO ANY TRAFFIC COMING FROM THE RIGHT**.

24 (k) In each instance, vehicular traffic described in subsections (i) and (j) of
 25 this section shall yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian or bicycle lawfully within
 26 an adjacent crosswalk and to any vehicle in the intersection or approaching on another
 27 roadway so closely as to constitute an immediate hazard.

28 21-502.

29 (a) (2) The driver of a vehicle shall come to a stop when a pedestrian
 30 crossing the roadway in a crosswalk is:

31 (i) On the half of the roadway on which the vehicle is traveling;
 32 or

1 (ii) Approaching from an adjacent lane on the other half of the
2 roadway.

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
4 October 1, 2014.