

CHAPTER 135.

[ H. B. 95. ]

MOTOR VEHICLES—TRAFFIC CONTROL.

AN ACT relating to the regulation of vehicular traffic; providing for traffic control signals or signs; and amending section 98, chapter 189, Laws of 1937 as last amended by section 3, chapter 56, Laws of 1951 and RCW 46.60.230; and declaring an emergency.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:*

RCW 46.60.230 amended.

SECTION 1. Section 98, chapter 189, Laws of 1937, as last amended by section 3, chapter 56, Laws of 1951 and RCW 46.60.230 are each amended to read as follows:

Traffic control signals—Colors—Indications.

Whenever, at any point, traffic is controlled by traffic control signals or signs exhibiting the words "Go," "Caution," or "Stop" or exhibiting different colored lights successively, one at a time, or with arrows, said lights, arrows and terms shall indicate and apply to drivers of vehicles and pedestrians as follows:

Green or the word "Go": Vehicular traffic facing the signal except when prohibited by a superior regulation, 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. Pedestrians facing the signal may proceed across the roadway within any marked or unmarked crosswalk unless directed otherwise by a pedestrian signal or signs.

Yellow alone or the word "Caution" when shown following the Green or "Go" signal: Vehicular traffic facing the signal shall stop before entering

the nearest crosswalk at the intersection or at such other point as may be designated by the proper traffic authority. However, if such stop cannot be made in safety, a vehicle may be driven cautiously through the intersection. No pedestrian facing such a signal shall enter the roadway.

Red alone or the word "Stop": Vehicular traffic facing the signal shall stop before entering the nearest crosswalk at an intersection or at such other point as may be designated by the proper traffic authority. Vehicular traffic facing such a signal shall remain standing until Green or "Go" is shown alone: *Provided*, That such traffic may, after stopping, cautiously proceed to make a right turn from a one-way or two-way street into a street carrying two-way traffic or into a one-way street carrying traffic in the direction of the right turn; or a left turn from a one-way or two-way street into a one-way street carrying traffic in the direction of the left turn; unless a sign posted by competent authority prohibits such movement; but vehicular traffic making such turns 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. Pedestrians facing such a signal shall not enter the roadway.

Red or the word "Stop" with green arrow: Vehicular traffic facing such signal may cautiously enter the intersection only to make the movement indicated by such arrow, but shall yield the right of way to pedestrians lawfully within a crosswalk and to the other traffic lawfully using the intersection. No pedestrian facing such a signal shall enter the roadway.

Green Arrow alone: Vehicular traffic facing such a signal may cautiously enter the intersection only to make the movement indicated by such arrow but shall yield right of way to other traffic or pedestrians

lawfully within a crosswalk. Pedestrians facing such a signal may proceed across the roadway controlled by such signal unless prohibited by other signs or signals.

Flashing red: When a red lens is illuminated by rapid intermittent flashes, drivers of vehicles shall stop before entering the nearest crosswalk at an intersection or at a stop line when marked, and the right to proceed shall be subject to the rules applicable after making a stop at a stop sign.

Flashing yellow: When a yellow lens is illuminated with rapid intermittent flashes, drivers of vehicles may proceed through the intersection or past such signal only with caution.

No traffic control signal or device shall be erected or maintained upon any city street designated as forming a part of the route of a primary state highway or secondary state highway unless first approved by the director of highways.

All new traffic control signals and all replacements of existing traffic control signals directing traffic to alternately stop and go shall have three signal faces facing each street, road, or highway leading into the intersection with the red "Stop" signal located at the top of such signal, the amber "Caution" signal located at the center of such signal and the green "Go" signal located at the bottom of such signal.

Emergency.

SEC. 2. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions and shall take effect immediately.

Passed the House February 11, 1959.

Passed the Senate March 8, 1959.

Approved by the Governor March 16, 1959.