

CHAPTER 248.

[ S. B. 276. ]

MOTOR VEHICLES—STOPPING AND TURNING—SIGNALS.

AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; providing for mechanical turning and stopping signals; requiring certain hand signals; and for other purposes; and amending sections 46.60-.120 and 46.40.090, RCW.

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

Amendment. SECTION 1. Section 46.60.120, RCW, as derived from section 3, chapter 157, Laws of 1949, is amended to read as follows:

Stop and turn signals; authorized means of giving.

(1) Any stop or turn signal when herein required shall be given either by means of the hand and arm or by a signal lamp or lamps or mechanical signal device except as otherwise provided in paragraph (2);

Signal lamps or mechanical signals required, when.

(2) Any motor vehicle in use on a highway shall be equipped with, and required signal shall be given by, a signal lamp or lamps or mechanical signal device when the distance from the center of the top of the steering post to the left outside limit of the body, cab, or load of such motor vehicle exceeds twenty-four inches, or when the distance from the center of the top of the steering post to the rear limit of the body or load thereof exceeds fourteen feet. The latter measurement shall apply to any single vehicle, and also to any combination of vehicles;

Hand signals; giving of.

(3) All signals herein required given by hand and arm shall be given from the left side of the vehicle in the following manner and such signals shall indicate as follows:

Left turn.

(a) Left turn—hand and arm extended horizontally beyond the side of the vehicle;

Right turn.

(b) Right turn—hand and arm extended upward beyond the side of the vehicle;

(c) Stop or sudden decrease of speed signal—hand and arm extended downward beyond the side of the vehicle. Decrease in speed or stopping.

(4) (a) No person shall turn a vehicle at an intersection unless the vehicle is in proper position upon the roadway as required in section 46.60.110, RCW, or turn a vehicle to enter a private road or driveway, or otherwise turn a vehicle from a direct course or move right or left upon a roadway unless and until such movement can be made with reasonable safety. No person shall so turn any vehicle without giving an appropriate signal in the manner hereinbefore provided in the event any other traffic may be affected by such movement. Turning at an intersection.  
Turning from a direct course.  
Turn signal required, when.

(b) A signal of intention to turn right or left when required shall be given continuously during not less than the last 100 feet traveled by the vehicle before turning or during a period of time not less than that time required to traverse a distance in feet equal to five times the maximum speed in miles per hour allowed by law during the approach to the point of turning or stopping. Duration of turn signals.

(c) No person shall stop or suddenly decrease the speed of a vehicle without first giving an appropriate signal in the manner provided herein to the driver of any vehicle immediately to the rear when there is opportunity to give such signal. Decrease in speed or stop signal required, when.

SEC. 2. Section 46.40.090, RCW, as derived from section 4, chapter 267, Laws of 1947, as amended, is amended to read as follows: Amendment.

Any motor vehicle may be equipped, and when required under this chapter, shall be equipped with the following signal lamps and devices: Signal lamps and devices.

(1) (a) A stop lamp on the rear which shall emit a red or yellow light and which shall be actuated upon application of the service (foot) brake and which may but need not be incorporated with a tail lamp. Stop lamp.

Device to indicate intention to turn.

(b) A lamp or lamps or mechanical signal device capable of clearly indicating any intention to turn either to the right or to the left and which shall be visible both from the front and rear from a distance of one hundred feet.

Self-cancelling turn signals.

(c) No person shall sell or offer for sale or operate on the highways any motor vehicle, trailer or semi-trailer, except a motorcycle or a motor-driven cycle, registered in this state and manufactured, or assembled after January 1, 1954, unless it is equipped with mechanical or electrical self-cancelling turn signals meeting requirements as established from time to time by the commission on equipment pursuant to authority vested under RCW 46.36.010: *Provided*, That such turn signals shall not be self-cancelling with respect to trailers or semi-trailers, and need not be self-cancelling with respect to any truck designed for use in combination with another vehicle.

Visibility of stop and signal lamps.

(2) A stop lamp shall be plainly visible and understandable from a distance of one hundred feet to the rear both during normal sunlight and at nighttime and a signal lamp or lamps indicating an intention to turn shall be visible and understandable during daytime and nighttime from a distance of one hundred feet both to the front and rear. When a vehicle is equipped with a stop lamp or other signal lamps, such lamp or lamps shall at all times be maintained in good working condition. No stop lamp or signal lamp shall project a glaring or dazzling light.

Self-illumination of mechanical signal devices.

(3) On or after January 1, 1948, all mechanical signal devices shall be self-illuminated when permitted or required under the provisions of this chapter.

Approval of signal lamps and devices.

(4) No signal lamp or signal device shall be used to give signal of intention to stop or of intention to turn to the right or left unless and until the

same has been approved by the state commission on equipment.

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Approved by the Governor March 20, 1953.

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## CHAPTER 249.

[ S. B. 347. ]

### SUPPORT OF COUNTY LAW LIBRARIES.

AN ACT relating to county law libraries; creating a fund for the maintenance thereof; prescribing duties of clerks of superior courts and justices of the peace; and amending sections 27.24.070, 27.24.080 and 27.24.090, RCW.

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

SECTION 1. Section 27.24.070, RCW, as derived from section 8, chapter 84, Laws of 1919, is amended to read as follows: Amendment.

In every civil action commenced in the superior courts, there shall be paid to the clerk of the court, and in every civil action commenced in any justice court in which the demand or value of the property in controversy is one hundred dollars or more there shall be paid to the clerks of the justice court, in addition to the other fees required by law the following fees which are to be taxed as part of the costs in each case: Additional filing fees in superior and justice courts; authorized.

(1) By each person instituting an action, when the first paper is filed, one dollar and fifty cents in class A counties; one dollar in first, second, third, fourth, fifth, and sixth class counties. Person instituting action.

(2) By each defendant, other adverse party, or intervenor, appearing separately, when his appearance is entered on his first paper filed, one dollar and fifty cents in class A counties; one dollar in first, second, third, fourth, fifth, and sixth class counties. Defendant, adverse party or intervenor.