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HOUSE BILL 1026
Committee Substitute Favorable 5/26/05

Short Title: Left Turn on Red – Raleigh.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 31, 2005

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PERMIT LEFT TURNS ON RED AT CERTAIN INTERSECTIONS IN
RALEIGH.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 20-158(b)(2) reads as rewritten:

"(b) Control of Vehicles at Intersections. –

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(2) ~~Approaching with traffic signal traffic signal the approaching~~

a. When a ~~steady or strobe beam stoplight~~ steady-beam traffic signal is emitting a red light controlling traffic ~~passing through~~ approaching an intersection, an approaching vehicle facing the red light shall come to a stop and shall not enter the intersection. After coming to a complete stop and unless prohibited by an appropriate sign, that approaching vehicle may make a right turn.

a1. When a vehicle stops at a traffic signal as required under sub-subdivision a. of this subdivision, after coming to a complete stop and unless prohibited by an appropriate sign, if that vehicle is in the leftmost lane of travel on a one-way street that intersects with another one-way street with traffic traveling from the turning driver's right to the turning driver's left, then that vehicle may enter the intersection and make a left turn into the extreme left-hand lane lawfully available to traffic. This sub-subdivision shall apply only to the following intersections in the City of Raleigh:

1. Salisbury and Jones Streets.
2. Salisbury and Lane Streets.
3. Wilmington and Jones Streets.
4. Wilmington and Lane Streets.

- 1 b. Any vehicle that turns ~~right~~ under this subdivision shall yield
2 the right-of-way to:
 - 3 1. Other traffic and pedestrians using the intersection; and
 - 4 2. Pedestrians who are moving towards the intersection,
5 who are in reasonably close proximity to the intersection,
6 and who are preparing to cross in front of the traffic that
7 is required to stop at the red light.
- 8 c. Failure to yield to a pedestrian under this subdivision shall be
9 an infraction, and the court may assess a penalty of not more
10 than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) and not less than one
11 hundred dollars (\$100.00).
- 12 d. The Department of Transportation shall collect data regarding
13 the number of individuals who are found responsible for
14 ~~violations failing to yield the right-of-way while turning right at~~
15 a red light in violation of sub-subdivision b. of this subdivision
16 and the number of pedestrians who are involved in accidents at
17 intersections because of a driver's failure to yield the
18 right-of-way while turning right at a red light. The data shall
19 include information regarding the number of disabled
20 pedestrians, including individuals with visual or
21 mobility-related disabilities, who are involved in right turn on
22 red accidents. The Department shall report the data annually to
23 the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee
24 beginning January 1, 2006.

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26 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective December 1, 2005, and expires on
27 July 1, 2008.