

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2015

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SENATE BILL 392

Short Title: Left Turn on Red/DDI. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Tarte (Primary Sponsor); and Smith-Ingram.

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate.

March 25, 2015

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO ALLOW LEFT TURNS AT TRAFFIC CONTROL LIGHTS EMITTING A  
3 STEADY RED LIGHT ON DIVERGING DIAMOND INTERCHANGES UNDER  
4 CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

7 "(b) Control of Vehicles at Intersections. –

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9 (2) a. When a traffic signal is emitting a steady red circular light  
10 controlling traffic approaching an intersection, an approaching  
11 vehicle facing the red light shall come to a stop and shall not enter  
12 the intersection. After coming to a complete stop and unless  
13 prohibited by an appropriate sign, that approaching vehicle may  
14 make a (i) right ~~turn~~-turn or (ii) left turn in accordance with  
15 sub-subdivision b1. of this subdivision.

16 b. Any vehicle that turns right or left under this subdivision shall yield  
17 the right-of-way to:  
18 1. Other traffic and pedestrians using the intersection; and  
19 2. Pedestrians who are moving towards the intersection, who are  
20 in reasonably close proximity to the intersection, and who are  
21 preparing to cross in front of the traffic that is required to stop  
22 at the red light.

23 b1. In addition to the requirements listed in sub-subdivision a. of this  
24 subdivision, a vehicle facing a red light may turn left under this  
25 subdivision only if either of the following conditions is satisfied:

26 1. The vehicle is exiting an interstate and entering a diverging  
27 diamond interchange with traffic travelling from right to left.

28 2. The vehicle is entering an interstate and exiting a diverging  
29 diamond interchange with traffic traveling from right to left.

30 c. Failure to yield to a pedestrian under this subdivision shall be an  
31 infraction, and the court may assess a penalty of not more than five  
32 hundred dollars (\$500.00) and not less than one hundred dollars  
33 (\$100.00).

34 ...."

35 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective October 1, 2015, and applies to offenses  
36 committed on or after that date.

