



HOUSE BILL No. 5467

December 7, 1995, Introduced by Reps. DeHart, Kelly, LaForge and Scott and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

A bill to amend section 612 of Act No. 300 of the Public Acts of 1949, entitled as amended "Michigan vehicle code," as amended by Act No. 33 of the Public Acts of 1990, being section 257.612 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. Section 612 of Act No. 300 of the Public Acts of
2 1949, as amended by Act No. 33 of the Public Acts of 1990, being
3 section 257.612 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is amended to read
4 as follows:

5 Sec. 612. (1) When traffic is controlled by traffic control
6 signals, not less than 1 signal shall be located over the trav-
7 eled portion of the roadway so as to give drivers a clear
8 indication of the right of way assignment from their normal
9 positions approaching the intersection. The vehicle signals

1 shall exhibit different colored lights successively, 1 at a time,
2 or with arrows. Red arrow and yellow arrow indications have the
3 same meaning as the corresponding circular indications, except
4 that they apply only to drivers of vehicles intending to make the
5 movement indicated by the arrow. The following colors shall be
6 used and the terms and lights shall indicate and shall apply to
7 drivers of vehicles as follows:

8 (a) If the signal exhibits a green indication, vehicular
9 traffic facing the signal, except when prohibited under section
10 664, may proceed straight through or turn right or left unless a
11 sign at that place prohibits either turn. Vehicular traffic,
12 including vehicles turning right or left, shall yield the right
13 of way to other vehicles and to pedestrians lawfully within the
14 intersection or an adjacent crosswalk at the time the signal is
15 exhibited.

16 (b) If the signal exhibits a steady yellow indication,
17 vehicular traffic facing the signal shall stop before entering
18 the nearest crosswalk at the intersection or at a limit line when
19 marked, but if the stop cannot be made in safety, a vehicle may
20 be driven cautiously through the intersection.

21 (c) If the signal exhibits a steady red indication, the fol-
22 lowing shall apply:

23 (i) Vehicular traffic facing a steady red signal alone shall
24 stop before entering the crosswalk on the near side of the inter-
25 section or at a limit line when marked or, if there is no cross-
26 walk or limit line, before entering the intersection, and shall

1 remain standing until a green indication is shown, except as
2 provided in subparagraph (ii).

3 (ii) Vehicular traffic facing a steady red signal, after
4 stopping before entering the crosswalk on the near side of the
5 intersection or at a limit line when marked or, if there is no
6 crosswalk or limit line, before entering the intersection, may
7 make a right turn from a 1-way or 2-way street into a 2-way
8 street or into a 1-way street carrying traffic in the direction
9 of the right turn; or a left turn from a 1-way or 2-way street
10 into a 1-way roadway carrying traffic in the direction of the
11 left turn unless prohibited by sign, signal, marking, light, or
12 other traffic control device. The vehicular traffic shall yield
13 the right of way to pedestrians lawfully within an adjacent
14 crosswalk and to other traffic lawfully using the intersection.

15 (d) If the signal exhibits a steady green arrow indication,
16 vehicular traffic facing the green arrow signal, shown alone or
17 in combination with another indication, may cautiously enter the
18 intersection only to make the movement indicated by the arrow, or
19 other movement permitted by other indications shown at the same
20 time. The vehicular traffic shall yield the right of way to
21 pedestrians lawfully within an adjacent crosswalk and to other
22 traffic lawfully using the intersection.

23 (2) If a traffic control signal is erected and maintained at
24 a place other than an intersection, the provisions of this sec-
25 tion shall be applicable except as to those provisions which by
26 their nature cannot have application. Any stop required shall be
27 made at a sign or marking on the pavement indicating where the

1 stop shall be made, but, in the absence of a sign or marking, the
2 stop shall be made at the signal.

3 (3) A person who violates subsection (1) or (2) is responsi-
4 ble for a civil infraction.

5 (4) A driver of a vehicle who approaches a person using a
6 wheelchair or a device to aid the person to walk at a crosswalk
7 or any other pedestrian crossing shall take such precautions as
8 may be necessary to avoid accident or injury to the person using
9 the wheelchair or device. A person who violates this subsection
10 is guilty of a misdemeanor.

11 (5) A sign ~~prohibiting~~ REGULATING a turn on a red signal
12 as provided in subsection (1)(c)(ii) shall STATE EITHER "NO TURN
13 ON RED" OR "TURN ON RED PERMITTED WHEN TRAFFIC AND PEDESTRIANS
14 ARE CLEAR" AND SHALL be located above or adjacent to the traffic
15 control signal ON THE SAME WIRE AS THE TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL, or
16 as close as possible to the point where the turn is made, or at
17 both locations, so that 1 or more of the signs are visible to a
18 driver intending to turn, at the point where the turn is made.
19 An additional sign may be used at the far side of the intersec-
20 tion in the direct line of vision of the turning driver.