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HOUSE BILL NO. 348

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BY REPRESENTATIVE HORTON

MTR VEHICLE/MOTORCYCLES: Authorizes drivers of certain two-wheeled vehicles to proceed through a red light under certain circumstances

AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 32:232(3)(a) and (b) and to enact R.S. 32:232(3)(e), relative to 3 driver compliance with traffic-control signals; to authorize the driver of a 4 motorcycle, moped or trimobile, or bicycle or electric bicycle to proceed through an 5 intersection controlled by a vehicle-actuated traffic-control signal under certain 6 circumstances; and to provide for related matters. 7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana: 8 Section 1. R.S. 32:232(3)(a) and (b) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 9 32:232(3)(e) is hereby enacted to read as follows: 10 §232. Traffic-control signals 11 Whenever traffic is controlled by traffic-control signals exhibiting different 12 colored lights, or colored lighted arrows, successively one at a time or in 13 combination, only the colors green, red, and yellow shall be used, except for special 14 pedestrian signals carrying a word legend, and said lights shall indicate and apply to 15 drivers of vehicles and pedestrians as follows: 16 17 (3) Steady RED indication: 18 (a) Vehicular traffic facing a steady circular red signal alone shall stop at a 19 clearly marked stop line, or if none, then before entering the crosswalk on the near 20 side of the intersection, or if none, then before entering the intersection, and shall

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2 Subparagraph (c) and (e) of this Paragraph. 3 (b) Vehicular traffic facing a steady red arrow signal shall not enter the 4 intersection to make the movement indicated by the arrow and, unless entering the 5 intersection to make a movement permitted by another signal, shall stop at a clearly 6 marked stop line, or if none, then before entering the crosswalk on the near side of 7 the intersection, or if none, then before entering the intersection, and shall remain 8 standing until an indication permitting the movement indicated by such red arrow is 9 shown except as provided in Subparagraph (c) and (e) of this Paragraph. 10 11 (e)(i) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, including this 12 Paragraph, if the driver of a motorcycle, moped or trimobile, or bicycle or any electric bicycle approaches an intersection influenced by a vehicle-actuated control, 13 14 the driver may proceed through the intersection on a steady red light only if the 15 driver does any of the following: 16 (aa) Comes to, and maintains, a full and complete stop at the intersection for 17 two complete cycles of the traffic-control signal or for two minutes, whichever 18 occurs first. 19 (bb) Treats the traffic control device as a stop sign. (cc) Determines it is safe to proceed. 20 21 (dd) Yields the right-of-way to pedestrians lawfully within an adjacent 22 crosswalk. 23 (ee) Yields the right-of-way to the driver of any vehicle approaching an 24 intersection from either direction. 25 (ii) For purposes of this Subparagraph, the following definitions shall apply: 26 (aa) "Cycle" means the total time to complete one sequence of signalization 27 for all movements at an intersection. In a vehicle-actuated controller system, the 28 cycle is a complete sequence of all signal indications.

remain standing until an indication to proceed is shown except as provided in

1 (bb) "Vehicle-actuated control" means a system that manages the signal
2 through automatically moving vehicles. The actuated signal timing is influenced by
3 traffic demand, and it is detected through sensors at all the approaches. Two
4 complete cycles of a traffic-control signal constitutes being vehicle-actuated
5 influenced.
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DIGEST

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Abstract: Authorizes the driver of a motorcycle, moped or trimobile, or bicycle or electric bicycle to proceed through an intersection controlled by a vehicle-actuated traffic control signal after waiting two light cycles or two minutes, whichever occurs first.

<u>Present law</u> requires vehicular traffic facing a red traffic light to stop at a clearly marked line or crosswalk, or in the absence of either, before entering an intersection, and remain standing until a green traffic light is displayed.

<u>Present law</u> prohibits vehicular traffic facing a red arrow signal from entering the intersection until a green arrow signal is displayed. <u>Present law</u> requires vehicular traffic facing a red arrow signal to stop at a clearly marked line or crosswalk, or in the absence of either, before entering an intersection, remain standing until a green arrow signal light is displayed.

<u>Present law</u> provides an exception for both of these provisions for vehicular traffic facing a red traffic light to cautiously enter the intersection to turn right, turn left from a one-way street into a one-way street, or to make a U-turn at a signalized U-turn after stopping under the conditions expressed above, except when a sign prohibits a turn. <u>Present law</u> requires such vehicular traffic to yield the right-of-way to pedestrians lawfully within an adjacent crosswalk, or any driver of a vehicle approaching on such other highway from either direction.

<u>Proposed law</u> creates an additional exception for the driver of a motorcycle, moped or trimobile, or bicycle or electric bicycle to proceed through an intersection influenced by a vehicle-actuated control on a steady red light when the driver does any of the following:

- (1) Comes to, and maintains, a full and complete stop at the intersection for two complete cycles of the traffic-control signal or for two minutes, whichever occurs first.
- (2) Treats the traffic control device as a stop sign.
- (3) Determines it is safe to proceed.
- (4) Yields the right-of-way to pedestrians lawfully within an adjacent crosswalk.

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(5) Yields the right-of-way to the driver of any vehicle approaching an intersection from either direction.

<u>Proposed law</u> defines "cycle" as the total time to complete one sequence of signalization for all movements at an intersection. Specifies that in a vehicle-actuated controller system, the cycle is a complete sequence of all signal indications.

<u>Proposed law</u> defines "vehicle-actuated control" as a system that manages the signal through automatically moving vehicles. Also indicates that the actuated signal timing is influenced by traffic volumes and is detected through sensors at all the approaches. Further indicates that two complete cycles of a traffic-control signal constitutes being vehicle-actuated influenced.

(Amends R.S. 32:232(3)(a) and (b); Adds R.S. 32:232(3)(e))

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Make a technical change.