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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2684**

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**By** House Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Shewmake, Slatter, Rude, Ortiz-Self, and Kloba)

1 AN ACT Relating to traffic control signals; and amending RCW  
2 46.61.055.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.61.055 and 2019 c 214 s 10 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 Whenever traffic is controlled by traffic control signals  
7 exhibiting different colored lights, ~~(( $\oplus$ ))~~ colored lighted arrows,  
8 or colored lighted symbols, successively one at a time or in  
9 combination, only the colors green, red, and yellow shall be used,  
10 except for ~~((special))~~ pedestrian signals ~~((carrying a word or~~  
11 ~~legend))~~ as provided in RCW 46.61.060, and said lights shall indicate  
12 and apply to ~~((drivers of vehicles))~~ vehicle operators, pedestrians,  
13 and personal delivery devices, as follows:

14 (1) Green indication

15 (a) Vehicle operators facing a circular green signal may proceed  
16 straight through or turn right or left unless a sign at such place  
17 prohibits either such turn. Vehicle operators turning right or left  
18 shall stop to allow other vehicles lawfully within the intersection  
19 control area to complete their movements. Vehicle operators turning  
20 right or left shall also stop for pedestrians who or personal

1 delivery devices that are lawfully within the intersection control  
2 area as required by RCW 46.61.235(1).

3 (b) Vehicle operators facing a green arrow signal, shown alone or  
4 in combination with another indication, may enter the intersection  
5 control area only to make the movement indicated by such arrow, or  
6 such other movement as is permitted by other indications shown at the  
7 same time. Vehicle operators shall stop to allow other vehicles  
8 lawfully within the intersection control area to complete their  
9 movements. Vehicle operators shall also stop for pedestrians who or  
10 personal delivery devices that are lawfully within the intersection  
11 control area as required by RCW 46.61.235(1).

12 (c) Unless otherwise directed by a pedestrian control signal, as  
13 provided in RCW 46.61.060 as now or hereafter amended, pedestrians or  
14 personal delivery devices facing any green signal, except when the  
15 sole green signal is a turn arrow, may proceed across the roadway  
16 within any marked or unmarked crosswalk.

17 (2) Steady yellow indication

18 (a) Vehicle operators facing a steady circular yellow or yellow  
19 arrow signal are thereby warned that the related green movement is  
20 being terminated or that a red indication will be exhibited  
21 immediately thereafter when vehicular traffic shall not enter the  
22 intersection. Vehicle operators shall stop for pedestrians who or  
23 personal delivery devices that are lawfully within the intersection  
24 control area as required by RCW 46.61.235(1).

25 (b) Pedestrians or personal delivery devices facing a steady  
26 circular yellow or yellow arrow signal, unless otherwise directed by  
27 a pedestrian control signal as provided in RCW 46.61.060 shall not  
28 enter the roadway.

29 (3) Steady red indication

30 (a) Vehicle operators facing a steady circular red signal alone  
31 shall stop at a clearly marked stop line, but if none, before  
32 entering the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection or, if  
33 none, then before entering the intersection control area and shall  
34 remain standing until an indication to proceed is shown. However, the  
35 vehicle operators facing a steady circular red signal may, after  
36 stopping proceed to make a right turn from a one-way or two-way  
37 street into a two-way street or into a one-way street carrying  
38 traffic in the direction of the right turn; or a left turn from a  
39 one-way or two-way street into a one-way street carrying traffic in  
40 the direction of the left turn; unless a sign posted by competent

1 authority prohibits such movement. Vehicle operators planning to make  
2 such turns shall remain stopped to allow other vehicles lawfully  
3 within or approaching the intersection control area to complete their  
4 movements. Vehicle operators planning to make such turns shall also  
5 remain stopped for pedestrians who or personal delivery devices that  
6 are lawfully within the intersection control area as required by RCW  
7 46.61.235(1).

8 (b) Unless otherwise directed by a pedestrian control signal as  
9 provided in RCW 46.61.060 as now or hereafter amended, pedestrians or  
10 personal delivery devices facing a steady circular red signal alone  
11 shall not enter the roadway.

12 (c) Vehicle operators facing a steady red arrow indication may  
13 not enter the intersection control area to make the movement  
14 indicated by such arrow, and unless entering the intersection control  
15 area to make such other movement as is permitted by other indications  
16 shown at the same time, shall stop at a clearly marked stop line, but  
17 if none, before entering a crosswalk on the near side of the  
18 intersection control area, or if none, then before entering the  
19 intersection control area and shall remain standing until an  
20 indication to make the movement indicated by such arrow is shown.  
21 However, the vehicle operators facing a steady red arrow indication  
22 may, after stopping proceed to make a right turn from a one-way or  
23 two-way street into a two-way street or into a one-way street  
24 carrying traffic in the direction of the right turn; or a left turn  
25 from a one-way street or two-way street into a one-way street  
26 carrying traffic in the direction of the left turn; unless a sign  
27 posted by competent authority prohibits such movement. Vehicle  
28 operators planning to make such turns shall remain stopped to allow  
29 other vehicles lawfully within or approaching the intersection  
30 control area to complete their movements. Vehicle operators planning  
31 to make such turns shall also remain stopped for pedestrians who or  
32 personal delivery devices that are lawfully within the intersection  
33 control area as required by RCW 46.61.235(1).

34 (d) Unless otherwise directed by a pedestrian signal, pedestrians  
35 or personal delivery devices facing a steady red arrow signal  
36 indication shall not enter the roadway.

37 (4) Traffic control signals using colored lighted symbols have  
38 the same meaning as circular colored signals as described in  
39 subsections (1) through (3) of this section. Traffic control signals

1 may be restricted to specific users of the public way by the use of a  
2 specific symbol and, where appropriate, associated regulatory signs.

3 (5) If an official traffic control signal is erected and  
4 maintained at a place other than an intersection, the provisions of  
5 this section shall be applicable except as to those provisions which  
6 by their nature can have no application. Any stop required shall be  
7 made at a sign or marking on the pavement indicating where the stop  
8 shall be made, but in the absence of any such sign or marking the  
9 stop shall be made at the signal.

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