

HOUSE BILL No. 4881

May 31, 1989, Introduced by Rep. Willis Bullard 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. 105 of the Public Acts of 1988, 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. 105 of the Public Acts of 1988, 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, ~~. The following colors shall be used and the~~
3 ~~terms and lights shall indicate~~ and SHALL apply to drivers of
4 vehicles as follows:

5 (a) ~~Green~~ IF THE SIGNAL EXHIBITS A GREEN indication,
6 ~~. Vehicular~~ VEHICULAR traffic facing the signal, except when
7 prohibited under section 664, may proceed straight through or
8 turn right or left unless a sign at that place prohibits either
9 turn. Vehicular traffic, including vehicles turning right or
10 left, shall yield the right of way to other vehicles and to
11 pedestrians lawfully within the intersection or an adjacent
12 crosswalk at the time the signal is exhibited.

13 (b) ~~Steady~~ IF THE SIGNAL EXHIBITS A STEADY yellow
14 indication, ~~. Vehicular~~ VEHICULAR traffic facing the signal
15 shall stop before entering the nearest crosswalk at the intersec-
16 tion or at a limit line when marked, but if the stop cannot be
17 made in safety, a vehicle may be driven cautiously through the
18 intersection.

19 (c) ~~Steady~~ IF THE SIGNAL EXHIBITS A STEADY red indication,
20 THE FOLLOWING SHALL APPLY:

21 (i) Vehicular traffic facing a steady red signal alone shall
22 stop before entering the crosswalk on the near side of the inter-
23 section or at a limit line when marked or, if ~~none, then~~ THERE
24 IS NO CROSSWALK OR LIMIT LINE, before entering the intersection,
25 and shall remain standing until a green indication is shown,
26 except as provided in subparagraph (ii).

1 (ii) Vehicular traffic facing a steady red signal, after
2 stopping before entering the crosswalk on the near side of the
3 intersection or at a limit line when marked or, if ~~none, then~~
4 THERE IS NO CROSSWALK OR LIMIT LINE, before entering the inter-
5 section, ~~shall be privileged to~~ MAY make a right turn from a
6 1-way or 2-way street into a 2-way street or into a 1-way street
7 carrying traffic in the direction of the right turn; or a left
8 turn from a 1-way or 2-way street into a 1-way roadway carrying
9 traffic in the direction of the left turn unless prohibited by
10 sign, signal, marking, light, or other traffic control device.
11 The vehicular traffic shall yield the right of way to pedestrians
12 lawfully within an adjacent crosswalk and to other traffic law-
13 fully using the intersection.

14 (d) ~~Steady~~ IF THE SIGNAL EXHIBITS A STEADY green arrow
15 ~~indications. Vehicular~~ INDICATION, VEHICULAR traffic facing
16 ~~a~~ THE green arrow signal, shown alone or in combination with
17 another indication, may cautiously enter the intersection only to
18 make the movement indicated by the arrow, or other movement per-
19 mitted by other indications shown at the same time. ~~Vehicle~~
20 THE VEHICULAR traffic shall yield the right of way to pedestrians
21 lawfully within an adjacent crosswalk and to other traffic law-
22 fully using the intersection.

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

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

3 (3) ~~-(2)-~~ A person who violates subsection (1) OR (2) is
4 responsible for a civil infraction.

5 (4) ~~-(3)-~~ A driver of a vehicle who approaches a person
6 using a wheelchair or a device to aid the person to walk at a
7 crosswalk or any other pedestrian crossing shall take such pre-
8 cautions as may be necessary to avoid accident or injury to the
9 person using the wheelchair or device. A person who violates
10 this subsection is guilty of a misdemeanor.

11 (5) A SIGN PROHIBITING A TURN ON A RED SIGNAL AS PROVIDED IN
12 SUBSECTION (1)(C)(ii) SHALL BE LOCATED ABOVE OR ADJACENT TO THE
13 TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL OR AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE TO THE POINT WHERE
14 THE TURN IS MADE, OR AT BOTH LOCATIONS, SO THAT 1 OR MORE OF THE
15 SIGNS ARE VISIBLE TO A DRIVER INTENDING TO TURN, AT THE POINT
16 WHERE THE TURN IS MADE.