

# SENATE BILL No. 1092

September 24, 2014, Introduced by Senator CASPERSON and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code," by amending section 612 (MCL 257.612), as amended by 2006 PA 339.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1           Sec. 612. (1) When traffic is controlled by traffic control  
2 signals, not fewer than 1 signal shall be located over the traveled  
3 portion of the roadway so as to give vehicle operators a clear  
4 indication of the right-of-way assignment from their normal  
5 positions approaching the intersection. The vehicle signals shall  
6 exhibit different colored lights successively, 1 at a time, or with  
7 arrows. Red arrow and yellow arrow indications have the same  
8 meaning as the corresponding circular indications, except that they  
9 apply only to vehicle operators intending to make the movement  
10 indicated by the arrow. The following colors shall be used, and the

1 terms and lights shall indicate and apply to vehicle operators as  
2 follows:

3 (a) If the signal exhibits a green indication, vehicular  
4 traffic facing the signal may proceed straight through or turn  
5 right or left unless a sign at that place prohibits either turn.  
6 Vehicular traffic, including vehicles turning right or left, shall  
7 yield the right-of-way to other vehicles and to pedestrians and  
8 bicyclists lawfully within the intersection or an adjacent  
9 crosswalk at the time the signal is exhibited.

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

15 (c) If the signal exhibits a steady red indication, the  
16 following apply:

17 (i) Vehicular traffic facing a steady red signal alone shall  
18 stop before entering the crosswalk on the near side of the  
19 intersection or at a limit line when marked or, if there is no  
20 crosswalk or limit line, before entering the intersection and shall  
21 remain standing until a green indication is shown, except as  
22 provided in subparagraph (ii).

23 (ii) Vehicular traffic facing a steady red signal, after  
24 stopping before entering the crosswalk on the near side of the  
25 intersection or at a limit line when marked or, if there is no  
26 crosswalk or limit line, before entering the intersection, may make  
27 a right turn from a 1-way or 2-way street into a 2-way street or

1 into a 1-way street carrying traffic in the direction of the right  
2 turn or may make a left turn from a 1-way or 2-way street into a 1-  
3 way roadway carrying traffic in the direction of the left turn,  
4 unless prohibited by sign, signal, marking, light, or other traffic  
5 control device. The vehicular traffic shall yield the right of way  
6 to pedestrians and bicyclists lawfully within an adjacent crosswalk  
7 and to other traffic lawfully using the intersection.

8 (d) If the signal exhibits a steady green arrow indication,  
9 vehicular traffic facing the green arrow signal, shown alone or in  
10 combination with another indication, may cautiously enter the  
11 intersection only to make the movement indicated by the arrow or  
12 other movement permitted by other indications shown at the same  
13 time. The vehicular traffic shall yield the right-of-way to  
14 pedestrians and bicyclists lawfully within an adjacent crosswalk  
15 and to other traffic lawfully using the intersection.

16 (2) If a traffic control signal is erected and maintained at a  
17 place other than an intersection, the provisions of this section  
18 apply except for those provisions that by their nature cannot  
19 apply. Any stop required shall be made at a sign or marking on the  
20 pavement indicating where the stop shall be made, but in the  
21 absence of a sign or marking, the stop shall be made at the signal.

22 (3) A person who violates subsection (1) or (2) is responsible  
23 for a civil infraction.

24 (4) A vehicle operator who approaches a person using a  
25 wheelchair or a device to aid the person to walk at a crosswalk or  
26 any other pedestrian crossing shall take necessary precautions to  
27 avoid accident or injury to the person using the wheelchair or

1 device. A person who violates this subsection is guilty of a  
2 misdemeanor.

3 (5) A sign prohibiting a turn on a red signal as provided in  
4 subsection (1)(c)(ii) shall be located above or adjacent to the  
5 traffic control signal or as close as possible to the point where  
6 the turn is made, or at both locations, so that 1 or more of the  
7 signs are visible to a vehicle operator intending to turn, at the  
8 point where the turn is made. An additional sign may be used at the  
9 far side of the intersection in the direct line of vision of the  
10 turning vehicle operator.

11 (6) **SUBJECT TO FEDERAL LAW, A TEMPORARY TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL**  
12 **MAY BE LOCATED ON, OVER, OR ADJACENT TO THE TRAVELED PORTION OF THE**  
13 **ROADWAY.**