

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

SESSION 1997

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HOUSE BILL 395

Short Title: Left Turn on Red.

(Local)

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Sponsors: Representatives Gulley; Allred, Cunningham, Dickson, Earle, Goodwin, McMahan, Moore, Rayfield, Starnes, and C. Wilson.

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Referred to: Judiciary II.

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March 4, 1997

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO ALLOW LEFT TURNS ON RED IN CERTAIN SITUATIONS IN  
3 MECKLENBURG COUNTY.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 Section 1. G.S. 20-158(b)(2) reads as rewritten:

6 "(2) Vehicles facing a red light controlling traffic passing straight through an  
7 intersection from a steady or strobe beam stoplight shall not enter the  
8 intersection while the steady or strobe beam stoplight is emitting a red  
9 light controlling traffic passing straight through an intersection; ~~provided~~  
10 ~~that, provided:~~

11 a. ~~except~~ Except where prohibited by an appropriate sign, vehicular  
12 traffic facing a red light controlling traffic passing straight  
13 through an intersection, after coming to a complete stop at the  
14 intersection, may enter the intersection to make a right turn but  
15 ~~such~~ the turning vehicle shall yield the right-of-way to  
16 pedestrians and to other traffic using the ~~intersection.~~ intersection;  
17 or

18 b. Except where prohibited by an appropriate sign, vehicular traffic  
19 that is:

- 1                            1. In the leftmost lane of travel on a one-way street;  
2                            2. Facing a red light; and  
3                            3. At an intersection with another one-way street with traffic  
4                            travelling from right to left  
5                            may enter the intersection and make a left turn into the extreme  
6                            left-hand lane lawfully available to traffic. The turning vehicle  
7                            shall yield the right-of-way to pedestrians and to other traffic  
8                            using the intersection.

9                            When the stoplight is emitting a steady yellow circular light on a traffic  
10                            signal controlling traffic passing straight through an intersection or a  
11                            steady yellow arrow light on a traffic signal controlling traffic turning at  
12                            an intersection, vehicles facing the yellow light are warned that the  
13                            related green light is being terminated or a red light will be immediately  
14                            forthcoming. When the stoplight is emitting a steady green light,  
15                            vehicles may proceed with due care through the intersection subject to  
16                            the rights of pedestrians and other vehicles as may otherwise be  
17                            provided by law."

18                            Section 2. This act applies to Mecklenburg County only.

19                            Section 3. This act becomes effective December 1, 1997.