

## Assembly Bill No. 563

### CHAPTER 14

An act to amend Section 21453 of the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

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#### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 563, Maldonado. Vehicles: stop lights: right-of-way: yielding.

Existing law requires a driver making a right turn after stopping at a steady red traffic signal to yield the right-of-way to traffic lawfully using the intersection.

This bill, instead, would require the driver to yield to any vehicle that has approached or is approaching so closely as to constitute an immediate hazard to the driver, and to continue to yield the right-of-way to that vehicle until the driver can proceed with reasonable safety.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section 21453 of the Vehicle Code is amended to read:

21453. (a) A driver facing a steady circular red signal alone shall stop at a marked limit line, but if none, before entering the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection or, if none, then before entering the intersection, and shall remain stopped until an indication to proceed is shown, except as provided in subdivision (b).

(b) Except when a sign is in place prohibiting a turn, a driver, after stopping as required by subdivision (a), facing a steady circular red signal, may turn right, or turn left from a one-way street onto a one-way street. A driver making that turn shall yield the right-of-way to pedestrians lawfully within an adjacent crosswalk and to any vehicle that has approached or is approaching so closely as to constitute an immediate hazard to the driver, and shall continue to yield the right-of-way to that vehicle until the driver can proceed with reasonable safety.

(c) A driver facing a steady red arrow signal shall not enter the intersection to make the movement indicated by the arrow and, unless entering the intersection to make a movement permitted by another signal, shall stop at a clearly marked limit line, but if none, before entering the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection, or if none,



then before entering the intersection, and shall remain stopped until an indication permitting movement is shown.

(d) Unless otherwise directed by a pedestrian control signal as provided in Section 21456, a pedestrian facing a steady circular red or red arrow signal shall not enter the roadway.

