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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009—10 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 909

Introduced by Assembly Member Hill

February 26, 2009

An act to amend Sections 21453 and 42001.15 of the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 909, as amended, Hill. Vehicles: right turn violations.

Existing law requires a driver facing a steady circular red signal alone to 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 to remain stopped until an indication to proceed is shown, except as specified. A violation of this provision is an infraction punishable by a fine of \$100.

Existing law also authorizes, except when a sign is in place prohibiting a turn, a driver, facing a steady circular red signal who has stopped as required pursuant to the above provisions, to turn right or turn left from a one-way onto a one-way street provided the driver yields the right-of-way, as specified.

This bill would instead require that a ~~violation of this provision for a right turn violation~~ failure to comply with this provision when making a turn is punishable by a fine of ~~\$35~~ not exceeding \$100.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

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

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

3 21453. (a) A driver facing a steady circular red signal alone
4 shall stop at a marked limit line, but if none, before entering the
5 crosswalk on the near side of the intersection or, if none, then
6 before entering the intersection, and ~~shall remain stopped~~ *may not*
7 *proceed straight through the intersection or turn left* until an
8 indication to proceed is shown, except as provided in subdivision
9 (b).

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

19 (c) A driver facing a steady red arrow signal shall not enter the
20 intersection to make the movement indicated by the arrow and,
21 unless entering the intersection to make a movement permitted by
22 another signal, shall stop at a clearly marked limit line, but if none,
23 before entering the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection,
24 or if none, then before entering the intersection, and shall remain
25 stopped until an indication permitting movement is shown.

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

29 SEC. 2. Section 42001.15 of the Vehicle Code is amended to
30 read:

31 42001.15. (a) Every person convicted of an infraction for a
32 violation of subdivision (a) or (e) of Section 21453, subdivision
33 (c) of Section 21454, or subdivision (a) of Section 21457 shall be
34 punished by a fine of one hundred dollars (\$100).

1 (b) Every person convicted of an infraction for a failure to
2 comply with subdivision (b) of Section 21453 when making a turn
3 shall be punished by a fine not exceeding one hundred
4 dollars(\$100).

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

7 ~~21453. (a) (1) A driver facing a steady circular red signal~~
8 ~~alone shall stop at a marked limit line, but if none, then before~~
9 ~~entering the intersection, and shall remain stopped until an~~
10 ~~indication to proceed is shown, except as provided in subdivision~~
11 ~~(b):~~

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

17 ~~(b) (1) Except when a sign is in place prohibiting a turn, a~~
18 ~~driver, after stopping as required by subdivision (a), facing a steady~~
19 ~~circular red signal, may do either of the following:~~

20 ~~(A) Turn right.~~

21 ~~(B) Turn left from a one-way street onto a one-way street.~~

22 ~~(2) A driver making the turn in subparagraph (A) or (B) shall~~
23 ~~yield the right-of-way to pedestrians lawfully within an adjacent~~
24 ~~crosswalk and to any vehicle that has approached or is approaching~~
25 ~~so closely as to constitute an immediate hazard to the driver, and~~
26 ~~shall continue to yield the right-of-way to that vehicle until the~~
27 ~~driver can proceed with reasonable safety.~~

28 ~~(c) A driver facing a steady red arrow signal shall not enter the~~
29 ~~intersection to make the movement indicated by the arrow and,~~
30 ~~unless entering the intersection to make a movement permitted by~~
31 ~~another signal, shall stop at a clearly marked limit line, but if none,~~
32 ~~before entering the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection,~~
33 ~~or if none, then before entering the intersection, and shall remain~~
34 ~~stopped until an indication permitting movement is shown.~~

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

38 SEC. 2. ~~Section 42001.15 of the Vehicle Code is amended to~~
39 ~~read:~~

1 ~~42001.15.— (a) Every person convicted of an infraction for a~~
2 ~~violation of paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) or subdivision (c) of~~
3 ~~Section 21453, subdivision (c) of Section 21454, or subdivision~~
4 ~~(a) of Section 21457 shall be punished by a fine of one hundred~~
5 ~~dollars (\$100).~~

6 ~~(b) Every person convicted of an infraction for a violation of~~
7 ~~paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) of Section 21453 for right turn~~
8 ~~violations shall be punished by a fine of thirty-five dollars (\$35).~~