

**Introduced by Senator Hill
(Coauthor: Senator Allen)**

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

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SB 986, as introduced, 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.

This bill would recast those provisions, and instead would require that a violation of this provision for a right turn or a left turn from a one-way street onto a one-way street is punishable by a fine of \$35.

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
2 to 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~~ *not*
7 *proceed straight through the intersection, turn left, except from a*

1 *one-way street onto a one-way street, or turn in a manner*
 2 *prohibited by a sign, until an indication to proceed is shown, except*
 3 *as provided in subdivision (b). shown.*

4 *(b) (1) A driver facing a steady circular red signal alone shall,*
 5 *prior to turning right or turning left from a one-way street onto a*
 6 *one-way street, stop at a marked limit line, but if none, before*
 7 *entering the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection or, if*
 8 *none, before entering the intersection.*

9 ~~*(b) Except when a sign is in place prohibiting a turn, a driver,*~~
 10 ~~*after stopping as required by subdivision (a), facing a steady*~~
 11 ~~*circular red signal, may turn right, or turn left from a one-way*~~
 12 ~~*street onto a one-way street. A*~~

13 *(2) A driver making that a turn pursuant to paragraph (1) shall*
 14 *yield 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 (c) 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).*

35 *(b) Every person convicted of an infraction for a violation of*
 36 *paragraph (1) of subdivision (b) of Section 21453 shall be punished*
 37 *by a fine of thirty-five dollars (\$35).*