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1 AN ACT Relating to pedestrians; and amending RCW 46.61.055 and  
2 46.61.060.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.61.055 and 1990 c 241 s 2 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 Whenever traffic is controlled by traffic control signals  
7 exhibiting different colored lights, or colored lighted arrows,  
8 successively one at a time or in combination, only the colors green,  
9 red and yellow shall be used, except for special pedestrian signals  
10 carrying a word or legend, and said lights shall indicate and apply to  
11 drivers of vehicles and pedestrians as follows:

12 (1) Green indication

13 (a) Vehicle operators facing a circular green signal may proceed  
14 straight through or turn right or left unless a sign at such place  
15 prohibits either such turn. But vehicle operators turning right or

1 left shall stop to allow other vehicles (~~or pedestrians~~) lawfully  
2 within the intersection control area to complete their movements.  
3 Vehicles turning right or left shall also stop to allow a pedestrian  
4 lawfully within the intersection control area to cross when the  
5 pedestrian is upon the half of the roadway upon which the vehicle is  
6 traveling.

7 (b) Vehicle operators facing a green arrow signal, shown alone or  
8 in combination with another indication, may enter the intersection  
9 control area only to make the movement indicated by such arrow, or such  
10 other movement as is permitted by other indications shown at the same  
11 time. The vehicle operators shall stop to allow other vehicles (~~or~~  
12 ~~pedestrians~~) lawfully within the intersection control area to complete  
13 their movements. Vehicle operators shall also stop to allow a  
14 pedestrian lawfully within the intersection control area to cross when  
15 the pedestrian is upon the half of the roadway upon which the vehicle  
16 is traveling.

17 (c) Unless otherwise directed by a pedestrian control signal, as  
18 provided in RCW 46.61.060 as now or hereafter amended, pedestrians  
19 facing any green signal, except when the sole green signal is a turn  
20 arrow, may proceed across the roadway within any marked or unmarked  
21 crosswalk.

22 (2) Steady yellow indication

23 (a) Vehicle operators facing a steady circular yellow or yellow  
24 arrow signal are thereby warned that the related green movement is  
25 being terminated or that a red indication will be exhibited immediately  
26 thereafter when vehicular traffic shall not enter the intersection.

27 (b) Pedestrians facing a steady circular yellow or yellow arrow  
28 signal, unless otherwise directed by a pedestrian control signal as  
29 provided in RCW 46.61.060 shall not enter the roadway(~~, but~~).  
30 However, if pedestrians have begun to cross before the display of

1 either signal, vehicle operators shall stop to allow them to (~~complete~~  
2 ~~their movements~~) cross when the pedestrian is upon the half of the  
3 roadway upon which the vehicle is traveling.

4 (3) Steady red indication

5 (a) Vehicle operators facing a steady circular red signal alone  
6 shall stop at a clearly marked stop line, but if none, before entering  
7 the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection or, if none, then  
8 before entering the intersection control area and shall remain standing  
9 until an indication to proceed is shown. However, the vehicle  
10 operators facing a steady circular red signal may, after stopping  
11 proceed to make a right turn from a one-way or two-way street into a  
12 two-way street or into a one-way street carrying traffic in the  
13 direction of the right turn; or a left turn from a one-way or two-way  
14 street into a one-way street carrying traffic in the direction of the  
15 left turn; unless a sign posted by competent authority prohibits such  
16 movement(~~(; but)~~). Vehicle operators planning to make such turns shall  
17 remain stopped to allow other vehicles lawfully within or approaching  
18 the intersection control area(~~(, or approaching pedestrians lawfully~~  
19 within an adjacent crosswalk,) to complete their movements. Vehicle  
20 operators shall also stop to allow a pedestrian lawfully within an  
21 adjacent crosswalk to cross when the pedestrian is upon the half of the  
22 roadway upon which the vehicle is traveling.

23 (b) Unless otherwise directed by a pedestrian control signal as  
24 provided in RCW 46.61.060 as now or hereafter amended, pedestrians  
25 facing a steady circular red signal alone shall not enter the roadway.

26 (c) Vehicle operators facing a steady red arrow indication may not  
27 enter the intersection control area to make the movement indicated by  
28 such arrow, and unless entering the intersection control area to make  
29 such other movement as is permitted by other indications shown at the  
30 same time, shall stop at a clearly marked stop line, but if none,

1 before entering a crosswalk on the near side of the intersection  
2 control area, or if none, then before entering the intersection control  
3 area and shall remain standing until an indication to make the movement  
4 indicated by such arrow is shown. However, the vehicle operators  
5 facing a steady red arrow indication may, after stopping proceed to  
6 make a right turn from a one-way or two-way street into a two-way  
7 street or into a one-way street carrying traffic in the direction of  
8 the right turn; or a left turn from a one-way street or two-way street  
9 into a one-way street carrying traffic in the direction of the left  
10 turn; unless a sign posted by competent authority prohibits such  
11 movement(~~(+but)~~). Vehicle operators planning to make such turns shall  
12 remain stopped to allow other vehicles lawfully within or approaching  
13 the intersection control area(~~(, or approaching pedestrians lawfully~~  
14 within an adjacent crosswalk,)) to complete their movements. Vehicle  
15 operators shall also stop to allow a pedestrian lawfully within an  
16 adjacent crosswalk to cross when the pedestrian is upon the half of the  
17 roadway upon which the vehicle is traveling.

18 (d) Unless otherwise directed by a pedestrian signal, pedestrians  
19 facing a steady red arrow signal indication shall not enter the  
20 roadway.

21 (4) If an official traffic control signal is erected and maintained  
22 at a place other than an intersection, the provisions of this section  
23 shall be applicable except as to those provisions which by their nature  
24 can have no application. Any stop required shall be made at a sign or  
25 marking on the pavement indicating where the stop shall be made, but in  
26 the absence of any such sign or marking the stop shall be made at the  
27 signal.

28 **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.61.060 and 1990 c 241 s 3 are each amended to read  
29 as follows:

1           Whenever pedestrian control signals exhibiting the words "Walk" or  
2 the walking person symbol or "Don't Walk" or the hand symbol are  
3 operating, the signals shall indicate as follows:

4           (1) WALK or walking person symbol--Pedestrians facing such signal  
5 may cross the roadway in the direction of the signal. Pedestrians that  
6 begin to cross a roadway while facing such signal shall be granted the  
7 right to complete their crossing by all vehicle operators.

8           (2) Steady or flashing DON'T WALK or hand symbol--Pedestrians shall  
9 not enter the roadway, but if pedestrians have begun to cross before  
10 the display of either signal, vehicle operators shall stop to allow  
11 them to ((complete their movements)) cross when the pedestrian is upon  
12 the half of the roadway upon which the vehicle is traveling.

13           (3) Pedestrian control signals having the "Wait" legend in use on  
14 August 6, 1965, shall be deemed authorized signals and shall indicate  
15 the same as the "Don't Walk" legend. Whenever such pedestrian control  
16 signals are replaced the legend "Wait" shall be replaced by the legend  
17 "Don't Walk".