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1 AN ACT Relating to traffic control signals; and amending RCW
2 46.61.055.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.61.055 and 2019 c 214 s 10 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 Whenever traffic is controlled by traffic control signals
7 exhibiting different colored lights, ~~((\oplus))~~ colored lighted arrows,
8 or colored lighted symbols, successively one at a time or in
9 combination, only the colors green, red, and yellow shall be used,
10 except for ~~((special))~~ pedestrian signals ~~((carrying a word or~~
11 ~~legend))~~ as provided in RCW 46.61.060, and said lights shall indicate
12 and apply to ~~((drivers of vehicles))~~ vehicle operators, pedestrians,
13 and personal delivery devices, as follows:

14 (1) Green indication

15 (a) Vehicle operators facing a circular green signal may proceed
16 straight through or turn right or left unless a sign at such place
17 prohibits either such turn. Vehicle operators turning right or left
18 shall stop to allow other vehicles lawfully within the intersection
19 control area to complete their movements. Vehicle operators turning
20 right or left shall also stop for pedestrians who or personal

1 delivery devices that are lawfully within the intersection control
2 area as required by RCW 46.61.235(1).

3 (b) Vehicle operators facing a green arrow signal, shown alone or
4 in combination with another indication, may enter the intersection
5 control area only to make the movement indicated by such arrow, or
6 such other movement as is permitted by other indications shown at the
7 same time. Vehicle operators shall stop to allow other vehicles
8 lawfully within the intersection control area to complete their
9 movements. Vehicle operators shall also stop for pedestrians who or
10 personal delivery devices that are lawfully within the intersection
11 control area as required by RCW 46.61.235(1).

12 (c) Unless otherwise directed by a pedestrian control signal, as
13 provided in RCW 46.61.060 as now or hereafter amended, pedestrians or
14 personal delivery devices facing any green signal, except when the
15 sole green signal is a turn arrow, may proceed across the roadway
16 within any marked or unmarked crosswalk.

17 (2) Steady yellow indication

18 (a) Vehicle operators facing a steady circular yellow or yellow
19 arrow signal are thereby warned that the related green movement is
20 being terminated or that a red indication will be exhibited
21 immediately thereafter when vehicular traffic shall not enter the
22 intersection. Vehicle operators shall stop for pedestrians who or
23 personal delivery devices that are lawfully within the intersection
24 control area as required by RCW 46.61.235(1).

25 (b) Pedestrians or personal delivery devices facing a steady
26 circular yellow or yellow arrow signal, unless otherwise directed by
27 a pedestrian control signal as provided in RCW 46.61.060 shall not
28 enter the roadway.

29 (3) Steady red indication

30 (a) Vehicle operators facing a steady circular red signal alone
31 shall stop at a clearly marked stop line, but if none, before
32 entering the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection or, if
33 none, then before entering the intersection control area and shall
34 remain standing until an indication to proceed is shown. However, the
35 vehicle operators facing a steady circular red signal may, after
36 stopping proceed to make a right turn from a one-way or two-way
37 street into a two-way street or into a one-way street carrying
38 traffic in the direction of the right turn; or a left turn from a
39 one-way or two-way street into a one-way street carrying traffic in
40 the direction of the left turn; unless a sign posted by competent

1 authority prohibits such movement. Vehicle operators planning to make
2 such turns shall remain stopped to allow other vehicles lawfully
3 within or approaching the intersection control area to complete their
4 movements. Vehicle operators planning to make such turns shall also
5 remain stopped for pedestrians who or personal delivery devices that
6 are lawfully within the intersection control area as required by RCW
7 46.61.235(1).

8 (b) Unless otherwise directed by a pedestrian control signal as
9 provided in RCW 46.61.060 as now or hereafter amended, pedestrians or
10 personal delivery devices facing a steady circular red signal alone
11 shall not enter the roadway.

12 (c) Vehicle operators facing a steady red arrow indication may
13 not enter the intersection control area to make the movement
14 indicated by such arrow, and unless entering the intersection control
15 area to make such other movement as is permitted by other indications
16 shown at the same time, shall stop at a clearly marked stop line, but
17 if none, before entering a crosswalk on the near side of the
18 intersection control area, or if none, then before entering the
19 intersection control area and shall remain standing until an
20 indication to make the movement indicated by such arrow is shown.
21 However, the vehicle operators facing a steady red arrow indication
22 may, after stopping proceed to make a right turn from a one-way or
23 two-way street into a two-way street or into a one-way street
24 carrying traffic in the direction of the right turn; or a left turn
25 from a one-way street or two-way street into a one-way street
26 carrying traffic in the direction of the left turn; unless a sign
27 posted by competent authority prohibits such movement. Vehicle
28 operators planning to make such turns shall remain stopped to allow
29 other vehicles lawfully within or approaching the intersection
30 control area to complete their movements. Vehicle operators planning
31 to make such turns shall also remain stopped for pedestrians who or
32 personal delivery devices that are lawfully within the intersection
33 control area as required by RCW 46.61.235(1).

34 (d) Unless otherwise directed by a pedestrian signal, pedestrians
35 or personal delivery devices facing a steady red arrow signal
36 indication shall not enter the roadway.

37 (4) Traffic control signals intended specifically for bicyclists
38 have the same meaning as circular signal indicators described in
39 subsections (1) through (3) of this section.

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

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