

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE BILL NO. 396

BY REPRESENTATIVE TERRY LANDRY

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 32:232(2)(a), (3)(c), and (4) and to enact R.S. 32:232(5), relative
3 to traffic control signals; to provide for vehicular traffic regulations under certain
4 conditions; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 32:232(2)(a), (3)(c), and (4) are hereby amended and reenacted and
7 R.S. 32:232(5) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §232. Traffic-control signals

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

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15 (2) Steady YELLOW indication:

16 (a) Vehicular traffic facing a steady yellow signal alone is thereby warned
17 that the related green signal is being terminated or that a red signal will be exhibited
18 immediately thereafter and such vehicular traffic shall not enter ~~or be crossing~~ the
19 intersection when the red signal is exhibited.

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21 (3) Steady RED indication:

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1 (c) Except when a sign prohibits a turn, vehicular traffic facing any steady
 2 red signal may cautiously enter the intersection to turn right, or to turn left from a
 3 one-way street into a one-way street, or to U-turn at a signalized U-turn after
 4 stopping as required by Subparagraph (a) or Subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph.
 5 Such vehicular traffic shall yield the right-of-way to pedestrians lawfully within an
 6 adjacent crosswalk and to other traffic lawfully using the intersection.

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8 (4) When a flashing YELLOW arrow indication is activated, vehicular
 9 traffic, on an approach to an intersection, facing a flashing yellow arrow signal
 10 indication, displayed alone or in combination with another signal indication, is
 11 permitted to cautiously enter the intersection only to make the movement indicated
 12 by such arrow. In addition, vehicular traffic facing a flashing yellow arrow, turning
 13 left or making a U-turn to the left shall yield the right-of-way to other vehicles
 14 approaching from the opposite direction. Such vehicular traffic, including vehicles
 15 making a U-Turn, shall yield the right-of-way to pedestrians lawfully within the
 16 associated crosswalk, and to other vehicles lawfully within the intersection.

17 ~~(4)~~(5) In the event an official traffic-control signal is erected and maintained
 18 at a place other than an intersection, the provisions of this Section shall be applicable
 19 except as to those provisions which by their nature can have no application. Any
 20 stop required shall be made at a sign or marking on the pavement indicating where
 21 the stop shall be made, but in the absence of any such sign or marking, the stop shall
 22 be made at the signal.

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24 Section 2. The Act shall become effective upon signature of the governor or, if not
 25 signed by the governor, upon expiration of time for bills to become law without signature
 26 of the governor, as provided in Article III, Section 18, of the Constitution of Louisiana. If

1 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
2 effective on the day following such approval.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____