

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 117—ASSEMBLYMEN SPRINKLE, CARRILLO, BOBZIEN; PAUL ANDERSON, BENITEZ-THOMPSON, COHEN, DALY, EISEN, FLORES, HEALEY, SPIEGEL, SWANK AND WHEELER

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JOINT SPONSOR: SENATOR SMITH

Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing rules of the road. (BDR 43-566)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to rules of the road; allowing a person driving a motorcycle, moped or trimobile or riding a bicycle or an electric bicycle to proceed through an intersection against a red traffic signal in certain circumstances; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

1 Under existing law, a person driving a motorcycle or moped upon a highway or  
2 riding a bicycle or an electric bicycle upon a roadway is subject to all the duties  
3 applicable to the driver of a motor vehicle, with certain exceptions. (NRS  
4 484B.763, 486.331) Existing law makes it unlawful for any driver, including the  
5 driver of a trimobile, to disobey the instructions of any official traffic-control  
6 device under certain conditions. (NRS 484A.080, 484B.300) Existing law also  
7 prohibits vehicular traffic from proceeding into or through an intersection that is  
8 controlled by an official traffic-control device exhibiting different colored lights  
9 when the signal is red. (NRS 484B.307) **Section 2** of this bill allows a person  
10 driving a motorcycle, moped or trimobile or riding a bicycle or an electric bicycle  
11 to proceed into an intersection against a red signal if: (1) the person stops as  
12 required by the signal and waits for a reasonable time; (2) the signal does not  
13 change because of a malfunction or the failure of the signal to detect the presence  
14 of the motorcycle, moped, trimobile, bicycle or electric bicycle; and (3) the person  
15 yields the right-of-way to pedestrians and other traffic proceeding as directed by the  
16 signal at the intersection.



THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN  
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1       **Section 1.** NRS 484B.300 is hereby amended to read as  
2 follows:

3       484B.300 1. ~~It~~ *Except as otherwise provided in NRS*  
4 *484B.307, it* is unlawful for any driver to disobey the instructions of  
5 any official traffic-control device placed in accordance with the  
6 provisions of chapters 484A to 484E, inclusive, of NRS, unless at  
7 the time otherwise directed by a police officer.

8       2. No provision of chapters 484A to 484E, inclusive, of NRS  
9 for which such devices are required may be enforced against an  
10 alleged violator if at the time and place of the alleged violation the  
11 device is not in proper position and sufficiently legible to be seen by  
12 an ordinarily observant person. Whenever a particular provision of  
13 chapters 484A to 484E, inclusive, of NRS does not state that such  
14 devices are required, the provision is effective even though no  
15 devices are erected or in place.

16       3. Whenever devices are placed in position approximately  
17 conforming to the requirements of chapters 484A to 484E, inclusive,  
18 of NRS, such devices are presumed to have been so placed by the  
19 official act or direction of a public authority, unless the contrary is  
20 established by competent evidence.

21       4. Any device placed pursuant to the provisions of chapters  
22 484A to 484E, inclusive, of NRS and purporting to conform to the  
23 lawful requirements pertaining to such devices is presumed to  
24 comply with the requirements of chapters 484A to 484E, inclusive,  
25 of NRS unless the contrary is established by competent evidence.

26       5. A person who violates any provision of subsection 1 may be  
27 subject to the additional penalty set forth in NRS 484B.130.

28       **Sec. 2.** NRS 484B.307 is hereby amended to read as follows:

29       484B.307 1. Whenever traffic is controlled by official traffic-  
30 control devices exhibiting different colored lights, or colored lighted  
31 arrows, successively one at a time or in combination as declared in  
32 the manual and specifications adopted by the Department of  
33 Transportation, only the colors green, yellow and red may be used,  
34 except for special pedestrian-control devices carrying a word legend  
35 as provided in NRS 484B.283. The lights, arrows and combinations  
36 thereof indicate and apply to drivers of vehicles and pedestrians as  
37 provided in this section.

38       2. When the signal is circular green alone:

39       (a) Vehicular traffic facing the signal may proceed straight  
40 through or turn right or left unless another device at the place  
41 prohibits either or both such turns. Such vehicular traffic, including  
42 vehicles turning right or left, must yield the right-of-way to other



1 vehicles and to pedestrians lawfully within the intersection or an  
2 adjacent crosswalk at the time the signal is exhibited.

3 (b) Pedestrians facing such a signal may proceed across the  
4 highway within any marked or unmarked crosswalk, unless directed  
5 otherwise by another device as provided in NRS 484B.283.

6 3. Where the signal is circular green with a green turn arrow:

7 (a) Vehicular traffic facing the signal may proceed to make the  
8 movement indicated by the green turn arrow or such other  
9 movement as is permitted by the circular green signal, but the traffic  
10 must yield the right-of-way to pedestrians lawfully within an  
11 adjacent crosswalk and to other traffic lawfully using the  
12 intersection at the time the signal is exhibited. Drivers turning in the  
13 direction of the arrow when displayed with the circular green are  
14 thereby advised that so long as a turn arrow is illuminated,  
15 oncoming or opposing traffic simultaneously faces a steady red  
16 signal.

17 (b) Pedestrians facing such a signal may proceed across the  
18 highway within any marked or unmarked crosswalk, unless directed  
19 otherwise by another device as provided in NRS 484B.283.

20 4. Where the signal is a green turn arrow alone:

21 (a) Vehicular traffic facing the signal may proceed only in the  
22 direction indicated by the arrow signal so long as the arrow is  
23 illuminated, but the traffic must yield the right-of-way to pedestrians  
24 lawfully within the adjacent crosswalk and to other traffic lawfully  
25 using the intersection.

26 (b) Pedestrians facing such a signal shall not enter the highway  
27 until permitted to proceed by another device as provided in  
28 NRS 484B.283.

29 5. Where the signal is a green straight-through arrow alone:

30 (a) Vehicular traffic facing the signal may proceed straight  
31 through, but must not turn right or left. Such vehicular traffic must  
32 yield the right-of-way to other vehicles and to pedestrians lawfully  
33 within the intersection or an adjacent crosswalk at the time the  
34 signal is exhibited.

35 (b) Pedestrians facing such a signal may proceed across the  
36 highway within the appropriate marked or unmarked crosswalk,  
37 unless directed otherwise by another device as provided in  
38 NRS 484B.283.

39 6. Where the signal is a steady yellow signal alone:

40 (a) Vehicular traffic facing the signal is thereby warned that the  
41 related green movement is being terminated or that a steady red  
42 indication will be exhibited immediately thereafter, and such  
43 vehicular traffic must not enter the intersection when the red signal  
44 is exhibited.



1 (b) Pedestrians facing such a signal, unless otherwise directed  
2 by another device as provided in NRS 484B.283, are thereby  
3 advised that there is insufficient time to cross the highway.

4 7. Where the signal is a steady red signal alone:

5 (a) Vehicular traffic facing the signal must stop before entering  
6 the crosswalk on the nearest side of the intersection where the sign  
7 or pavement marking indicates where the stop must be made, or in  
8 the absence of any such crosswalk, sign or marking, then before  
9 entering the intersection, and, except as *otherwise* provided in  
10 ~~paragraph (e),~~ *paragraphs (c) and (d)*, must remain stopped or  
11 standing until the green signal is shown.

12 (b) Pedestrians facing such a signal shall not enter the highway,  
13 unless permitted to proceed by another device as provided in  
14 NRS 484B.283.

15 (c) After complying with the requirement to stop, vehicular  
16 traffic facing such a signal and situated on the extreme right of the  
17 highway may proceed into the intersection for a right turn only  
18 when the intersecting highway is two-directional or one-way to the  
19 right, or vehicular traffic facing such a signal and situated on  
20 the extreme left of a one-way highway may proceed into the  
21 intersection for a left turn only when the intersecting highway is  
22 one-way to the left, but must yield the right-of-way to pedestrians  
23 and other traffic proceeding as directed by the signal at the  
24 intersection.

25 (d) *After complying with the requirement to stop, a person*  
26 *driving a motorcycle, moped or trimobile or riding a bicycle or an*  
27 *electric bicycle may proceed straight through or turn right or left*  
28 *if:*

29 (1) *The person waits for two complete cycles of the lights or*  
30 *lighted arrows of the applicable official traffic-control device and*  
31 *the signal does not change because of a malfunction or because*  
32 *the signal failed to detect the presence of the motorcycle, moped,*  
33 *trimobile, bicycle or electric bicycle;*

34 (2) *No other device at the place prohibits either or both*  
35 *such turns, if applicable; and*

36 (3) *The person yields the right-of-way to pedestrians and*  
37 *other traffic proceeding as directed by the signal at the*  
38 *intersection.*

39 (e) Vehicular traffic facing the signal may not proceed on or  
40 through any private or public property to enter the intersecting street  
41 where traffic is not facing a red signal to avoid the red signal.

42 8. Where the signal is a steady red with a green turn arrow:

43 (a) ~~Vehicular~~ *Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (b),*  
44 *vehicular* traffic facing the signal may enter the intersection only to  
45 make the movement indicated by the green turn arrow, but must



1 yield the right-of-way to pedestrians lawfully within an adjacent  
2 crosswalk and to other traffic lawfully using the intersection.  
3 Drivers turning in the direction of the arrow are thereby advised that  
4 so long as the turn arrow is illuminated, oncoming or opposing  
5 traffic simultaneously faces a steady red signal.

6 (b) *A person driving a motorcycle, moped or trimobile or*  
7 *riding a bicycle or an electric bicycle facing the signal may*  
8 *proceed straight through or turn in the direction opposite that*  
9 *indicated by the green turn arrow if:*

10 (1) *The person stops before entering the crosswalk on the*  
11 *nearest side of the intersection where the sign or pavement*  
12 *marking indicates where the stop must be made or, in the absence*  
13 *of any such crosswalk, sign or marking, before entering the*  
14 *intersection;*

15 (2) *The person waits for two complete cycles of the lights or*  
16 *lighted arrows of the applicable official traffic-control device and*  
17 *the signal does not change because of a malfunction or because*  
18 *the signal failed to detect the presence of the motorcycle, moped,*  
19 *trimobile, bicycle or electric bicycle;*

20 (3) *No other device at the place prohibits the turn, if*  
21 *applicable; and*

22 (4) *The person yields the right-of-way to pedestrians*  
23 *lawfully within an adjacent crosswalk and to other traffic lawfully*  
24 *using the intersection.*

25 (c) Pedestrians facing such a signal shall not enter the highway,  
26 unless permitted to proceed by another device as provided in  
27 NRS 484B.283.

28 9. If a signal is erected and maintained at a place other than an  
29 intersection, the provisions of this section are applicable except as to  
30 those provisions which by their nature can have no application. Any  
31 stop required must be made at a sign or pavement marking  
32 indicating where the stop must be made, but in the absence of any  
33 such device the stop must be made at the signal.

34 10. Whenever signals are placed over the individual lanes of a  
35 highway, the signals indicate, and apply to drivers of vehicles, as  
36 follows:

37 (a) A downward-pointing green arrow means that a driver facing  
38 the signal may drive in any lane over which the green signal is  
39 shown.

40 (b) A red "X" symbol means a driver facing the signal must not  
41 enter or drive in any lane over which the red signal is shown.

42 11. A local authority shall not adopt an ordinance or regulation  
43 or take any other action that prohibits vehicular traffic from crossing  
44 an intersection when:

45 (a) The red signal is exhibited; and



1 (b) The vehicular traffic in question had already completely  
2 entered the intersection before the red signal was exhibited. For the  
3 purposes of this paragraph, a vehicle shall be considered to have  
4 "completely entered" an intersection when all portions of the vehicle  
5 have crossed the limit line or other point of demarcation behind  
6 which vehicular traffic must stop when a red signal is displayed.

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