

# HB0144S01 compared with HB0144

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Senator Michael K. McKell proposes the following substitute bill:

## VEHICLE ACCIDENT LIABILITY AMENDMENTS

2024 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: { } Andrew Stoddard**

Senate Sponsor: { \_\_\_\_\_ } Michael K. McKell

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### LONG TITLE

#### General Description:

This bill clarifies that a vehicle operator intending to turn left is not required to yield the right-of-way to a vehicle operator approaching from the opposite direction that fails to ~~{obey a certain traffic-control device at the intersection and is not liable for a resulting accident}~~ stop when required by a stop sign or steady red signal.

#### Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ clarifies that a vehicle operator intending to turn left is not required to yield the right-of-way to a vehicle operator approaching from the opposite direction that fails to stop ~~{or yield }~~ when required by a ~~{traffic-control device}~~ stop sign or steady red signal at the intersection; ~~{~~

~~→ clarifies that the vehicle operator intending to turn left is not liable for a resulting~~

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~~accident;~~ and

- ▶ makes technical changes.

### Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

### Other Special Clauses:

None

### Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

**41-6a-903**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2015, Chapter 412

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*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

Section 1. Section **41-6a-903** is amended to read:

**41-6a-903. Yield right-of-way -- Vehicle turning left -- Entering or crossing highway other than from another roadway -- Merging lanes.**

(1) The operator of a vehicle:

(a) except as provided in Subsection (2), ~~and~~ intending to turn to the left shall yield the right-of-way to any vehicle operator approaching from the opposite direction which is so close to the turning vehicle operator as to constitute an immediate hazard;

(b) about to enter or cross a highway from any place other than another highway shall yield the right-of-way to all [~~vehicles~~] vehicle operators approaching on the highway to be entered or crossed; and

(c) traveling in a lane that is about to merge into a continuing lane, shall yield the right-of-way to all [~~vehicles~~] vehicle operators traveling in the continuing lane and which are so close as to be an immediate hazard.

(2) ~~(a)~~ The operator of a vehicle intending to turn to the left at an intersection is not required to yield the right-of-way to a vehicle operator approaching from the opposite direction if the vehicle operator approaching from the opposite direction fails to stop ~~or yield~~ when required to stop ~~or yield~~ by a ~~traffic-control device~~ stop sign or steady red signal at that intersection.

~~(b) If the vehicle operator approaching from the opposite direction fails to stop or yield when required to stop or yield by the traffic-control device at that intersection as described in~~

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Subsection (2)(a), and the vehicle operator intending to turn to the left and the approaching vehicle operator are involved in a collision at that intersection, the vehicle operator intending to turn to the left is not liable for any damages resulting from the collision.

‡ ~~(2)~~ (3) A violation of Subsection (1) is an infraction.

Section 2. **Effective date.**

This bill takes effect on May 1, 2024.