

**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 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 when required by a stop sign or steady red signal at the intersection; 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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26 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

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

28 **41-6a-903. Yield right-of-way -- Vehicle turning left -- Entering or crossing**  
29 **highway other than from another roadway -- Merging lanes.**

30 (1) The operator of a vehicle:

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

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

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

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

44 [~~2~~] (3) A violation of Subsection (1) is an infraction.

45 Section 2. **Effective date.**

46 This bill takes effect on May 1, 2024.