

TRAFFIC PATTERN AMENDMENTS

2019 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Daniel Hemmert

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill prohibits a person driving a vehicle from entering an intersection, regardless of an indication of a traffic control device, if the person is unable to proceed completely through the intersection to avoid the impediment of traffic in the intersection.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ prohibits a person driving a vehicle from entering an intersection, regardless of an indication of a traffic control device, if the person is unable to proceed completely through the intersection to avoid the impediment of traffic in the intersection; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

41-6a-1401, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2016, Chapter 245

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

Section 1. Section **41-6a-1401** is amended to read:



28 **41-6a-1401. Standing or parking vehicles -- Restrictions and exceptions.**

29 (1) Except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic, or in compliance with
30 law, the directions of a peace officer, or a traffic-control device, a person may not:

31 (a) stop, stand, or park a vehicle:

32 (i) on the roadway side of any vehicle stopped or parked at the edge or curb of a street;

33 (ii) on a sidewalk;

34 (iii) within an intersection;

35 (iv) on a crosswalk;

36 (v) between a safety zone and the adjacent curb or within 30 feet of points on the curb
37 immediately opposite the ends of a safety zone, unless a different length is indicated by signs or
38 markings;

39 (vi) alongside or opposite any street excavation or obstruction when stopping, standing,
40 or parking would obstruct traffic;

41 (vii) on any bridge or other elevated structure, on a highway, or within a highway
42 tunnel;

43 (viii) on any railroad tracks;

44 (ix) on any controlled-access highway;

45 (x) in the area between roadways of a divided highway, including crossovers; or

46 (xi) any place where a traffic-control device prohibits stopping, standing, or parking;

47 (b) stand or park a vehicle, whether occupied or not, except momentarily to pick up or
48 discharge a passenger or passengers:

49 (i) in front of a public or private driveway;

50 (ii) within 15 feet of a fire hydrant;

51 (iii) within 20 feet of a crosswalk;

52 (iv) within 30 feet upon the approach to any flashing signal, stop sign, yield sign, or
53 traffic-control signal located at the side of a roadway;

54 (v) within 20 feet of the driveway entrance to any fire station and on the side of a street
55 opposite the entrance to any fire station within 75 feet of the entrance when properly
56 signposted;

57 (vi) at any place where a traffic-control device prohibits standing; or

58 (vii) at the capitol hill complex as defined in Section [63C-9-102](#) in a parking space

59 identified as reserved for specific users, without:

60 (A) approval by the executive director of the State Capitol Preservation Board created
61 in Section 63C-9-201; and

62 (B) a properly displayed placard or other identifying marker approved by the executive
63 director of the State Capitol Preservation Board to indicate this approval; or

64 (c) park a vehicle, whether occupied or not, except temporarily for the purpose of and
65 while actually engaged in loading or unloading property or passengers:

66 (i) within 50 feet of the nearest rail of a railroad crossing; or

67 (ii) at any place where traffic-control devices prohibit parking.

68 (2) Notwithstanding any traffic-control device indication to proceed, a person may not
69 drive a vehicle into an intersection or crosswalk unless there is sufficient space for the person
70 to proceed completely through the intersection without impeding or obstructing the through
71 passage of a vehicle or pedestrian from any direction.

72 [~~2~~] (3) A person may not move a vehicle that is not lawfully under the person's
73 control into any prohibited area or into an unlawful distance from the curb.

74 [~~3~~] (4) This section does not apply to a tow truck motor carrier responding to a
75 customer service call if the tow truck motor carrier has already received authorization from the
76 local law enforcement agency in the jurisdiction where the vehicle to be towed is located.

77 (5) A violation of this section is an infraction.