

House File 372 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 71)

(COMPANION TO SF 251 BY
COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to turns against red lights made by vehicular
2 traffic.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 321.257, subsection 2, paragraph a, Code
2 2017, is amended to read as follows:

3 a. A "*steady circular red*" light means vehicular traffic
4 shall stop. Vehicular traffic shall remain standing until
5 a signal to proceed is shown or vehicular traffic, unless
6 prohibited by a sign, may cautiously enter the intersection to
7 make a right turn from the right lane of traffic or another
8 lane designated for right turns, or a left turn from a one-way
9 street to a one-way street from the left lane of traffic ~~on a~~
10 ~~one-way street onto the leftmost lane of traffic on a one-way~~
11 ~~street~~ or another lane designated for left turns. Turns made
12 under this paragraph shall be made in a manner that does not
13 interfere with other vehicular or pedestrian traffic lawfully
14 using the intersection. Pedestrian traffic facing a steady
15 circular red light shall not enter the roadway unless the
16 pedestrian can safely cross the roadway without interfering
17 with any vehicular traffic.

18 EXPLANATION

19 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
20 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

21 Vehicular traffic is currently allowed to make a right turn
22 from the right lane of traffic against a red light, or a left
23 turn from the left lane of traffic on a one-way street to the
24 leftmost lane of traffic on another one-way street against a
25 red light. This bill alters that provision to allow a right
26 turn from another lane designated for right turns, or a left
27 turn from another lane designated for left turns on a one-way
28 street. The bill also strikes the requirement that vehicular
29 traffic turning left against a red light on a one-way street
30 must turn into the leftmost lane of the other one-way street.