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To: Judiciary, Division B

SENATE BILL NO. 2232  
(As Passed the Senate)

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 63-3-309, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO PROVIDE THAT UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES MOTORCYCLES AND  
3 BICYCLES MAY PROCEED THROUGH INTERSECTIONS OR MAKE A TURN WHEN  
4 STOPPED AT A RED LIGHT AND IF THE MOTORCYCLE DOES NOT TRIGGER THE  
5 SENSOR FOR A GREEN LIGHT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 63-3-309, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
8 amended as follows:

9 63-3-309. Whenever traffic is controlled by traffic-control  
10 signals exhibiting the words "Go," "Caution," or "Stop" or  
11 exhibiting different colored lights successively one (1) at a  
12 time, only the following colors shall be used and said terms and  
13 lights shall indicate as follows:

14 (1) Green alone or "Go."

15 (a) Vehicular traffic facing the signal may proceed  
16 straight through or turn right or left unless a sign at such place  
17 prohibits either such turn. However, vehicular traffic shall  
18 yield the right-of-way to other vehicles and to pedestrians



19 lawfully within the intersection at the time such signal is  
20 exhibited.

21 (b) Pedestrians facing the signal may proceed across  
22 the roadway within any marked or unmarked crosswalk.

23 (2) Yellow alone or "Caution" when shown following the green  
24 or "Go" signal.

25 (a) Vehicular traffic facing the signal shall stop  
26 before entering the nearest crosswalk at the intersection, but if  
27 such stop cannot be made in safety a vehicle may be driven  
28 cautiously through the intersection.

29 (b) Pedestrians facing such signal are thereby advised  
30 that there is insufficient time to cross the roadway, and any  
31 pedestrian then starting to cross shall yield the right-of-way to  
32 all vehicles.

33 (3) Red alone or "Stop."

34 (a) Vehicular traffic facing the signal shall stop  
35 before entering the nearest crosswalk at an intersection or at  
36 such other point as may be indicated by a clearly visible line and  
37 shall remain standing until green or "Go" is shown alone, except  
38 as provided in (b) \* \* \*, (c) and (e) of this \* \* \* subsection  
39 (3) \* \* \*.

40 (b) Vehicular traffic facing a steady red signal may  
41 cautiously enter the intersection to turn right after stopping as  
42 required by paragraph \* \* \* (a) of this subsection (3), unless a  
43 sign stating "No Turn On Red" is in place prohibiting such a turn.



Such vehicular traffic shall yield the right-of-way to pedestrians lawfully within an adjacent crosswalk and to other vehicular traffic lawfully using the intersection.

(c) Vehicular traffic facing a steady red signal at the intersection of two (2) one-way streets may cautiously enter the intersection to turn left in the direction designated for one-way traffic, after stopping as required by paragraph \* \* \* (a) of this subsection (3), unless a sign stating "No Turn On Red" is in place prohibiting such a turn. Such vehicular traffic shall yield the right-of-way to pedestrians within an adjacent crosswalk and to other vehicular traffic lawfully using the intersection.

(d) No pedestrian facing such signal shall enter the roadway unless he can do so safely and without interfering with any vehicular traffic.

(e) When a motorcycle or bicycle is the sole occupant of a lane and does not cause the sensor to trigger a green light, the motorcycle or bicycle may cautiously enter the intersection to proceed through the intersection or make a turn, but the motorcycle or bicycle must yield the right-of-way to pedestrians lawfully within an adjacent crosswalk and to other vehicular traffic lawfully using the intersection. A motorcycle or bicycle shall not make a turn under this subsection if a sign stating "No Turn On Red" is in place prohibiting a turn.

(4) Red with green arrow.



68           (a) Vehicular traffic facing such signal may cautiously  
69 enter the intersection only to make movement indicated by such  
70 arrow but shall not interfere with other traffic or endanger  
71 pedestrians lawfully within a crosswalk.

72           (b) No pedestrian facing such signal shall enter the  
73 roadway unless he can do so safely and without interfering with  
74 any vehicular traffic.

75           (c) When a motorcycle or bicycle is the sole occupant  
76 of a lane and does not cause the sensor to trigger a green light,  
77 the motorcycle or bicycle may cautiously enter the intersection to  
78 make a turn, but the motorcycle or bicycle must yield the  
79 right-of-way to pedestrians lawfully within an adjacent crosswalk  
80 and to other vehicular traffic lawfully using the intersection.

81           **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
82 and after July 1, 2019.

