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To: Judiciary, Division B

SENATE BILL NO. 2751

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 63-3-309, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO PROVIDE THAT UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES MOTORCYCLES MAY
3 PROCEED THROUGH INTERSECTIONS OR MAKE A TURN WHEN STOPPED AT A RED
4 LIGHT AND IF THE MOTORCYCLE DOES NOT TRIGGER THE SENSOR FOR A
5 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 is the sole occupant of a lane and does not cause the sensor to trigger a green light, the motorcycle may cautiously enter the intersection to proceed through the intersection or make a turn, provided that the motorcycle shall yield the right-of-way to pedestrians lawfully within an adjacent crosswalk and to other vehicular traffic lawfully using the intersection. A motorcycle 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 is the sole occupant of a lane
76 and does not cause the sensor to trigger a green light, the
77 motorcycle may cautiously enter the intersection to make a turn,
78 provided that the motorcycle shall yield the right-of-way to
79 pedestrians lawfully within an adjacent crosswalk and to other
80 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.

