
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1934

State of Washington

52nd Legislature

1991 Regular Session

By House Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Van Luven, Heavey, D. Sommers, Kremen, Chandler, Horn, G. Fisher, Basich, Orr, Forner, Wood, Nelson, Prince, Schmidt, Wilson, Betrozoff, Cooper, Winsley, Paris, Ferguson, Brekke and Jacobsen).

Read first time March 6, 1991.

1 AN ACT Relating to pedestrians; and amending RCW 46.61.055 and
2 46.61.060.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.61.055 and 1990 c 241 s 2 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 Whenever traffic is controlled by traffic control signals
7 exhibiting different colored lights, or colored lighted arrows,
8 successively one at a time or in combination, only the colors green,
9 red and yellow shall be used, except for special pedestrian signals
10 carrying a word or legend, and said lights shall indicate and apply to
11 drivers of vehicles and pedestrians as follows:

12 (1) Green indication

13 (a) Vehicle operators facing a circular green signal may proceed
14 straight through or turn right or left unless a sign at such place
15 prohibits either such turn. But vehicle operators turning right or

1 left shall stop to allow other vehicles or pedestrians at school
2 crossings lawfully within the intersection control area to complete
3 their movements. Vehicles turning right or left shall also stop to
4 allow a pedestrian lawfully within the intersection control area to
5 cross when the pedestrian is upon the half of the roadway upon which
6 the vehicle is traveling.

7 (b) Vehicle operators facing a green arrow signal, shown alone or
8 in combination with another indication, may enter the intersection
9 control area only to make the movement indicated by such arrow, or such
10 other movement as is permitted by other indications shown at the same
11 time. The vehicle operators shall stop to allow other vehicles or
12 pedestrians at school crossings lawfully within the intersection
13 control area to complete their movements. Vehicle operators shall also
14 stop to allow a pedestrian lawfully within the intersection control
15 area to cross when the pedestrian is upon the half of the roadway upon
16 which the vehicle is traveling.

17 (c) Unless otherwise directed by a pedestrian control signal, as
18 provided in RCW 46.61.060 as now or hereafter amended, pedestrians
19 facing any green signal, except when the sole green signal is a turn
20 arrow, may proceed across the roadway within any marked or unmarked
21 crosswalk.

22 (2) Steady yellow indication

23 (a) Vehicle operators facing a steady circular yellow or yellow
24 arrow signal are thereby warned that the related green movement is
25 being terminated or that a red indication will be exhibited immediately
26 thereafter when vehicular traffic shall not enter the intersection.

27 (b) Pedestrians facing a steady circular yellow or yellow arrow
28 signal, unless otherwise directed by a pedestrian control signal as
29 provided in RCW 46.61.060 shall not enter the roadway(~~(, but)~~).
30 However, if pedestrians have begun to cross before the display of

1 either signal, vehicle operators shall stop to allow them to ((complete
2 their movements)) cross when the pedestrian is upon the half of the
3 roadway upon which the vehicle is traveling. If pedestrians have begun
4 to cross at a school crossing before the display of either signal,
5 vehicle operators shall stop to allow them to complete their movements.

6 (3) Steady red indication

7 (a) Vehicle operators facing a steady circular red signal alone
8 shall stop at a clearly marked stop line, but if none, before entering
9 the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection or, if none, then
10 before entering the intersection control area and shall remain standing
11 until an indication to proceed is shown. However, the vehicle
12 operators facing a steady circular red signal may, after stopping
13 proceed to make a right turn from a one-way or two-way street into a
14 two-way street or into a one-way street carrying traffic in the
15 direction of the right turn; or a left turn from a one-way or two-way
16 street into a one-way street carrying traffic in the direction of the
17 left turn; unless a sign posted by competent authority prohibits such
18 movement(~~(+but)~~). Vehicle operators planning to make such turns shall
19 remain stopped to allow other vehicles lawfully within or approaching
20 the intersection control area, or approaching pedestrians lawfully
21 within an adjacent ((crosswalk)) school crossing, to complete their
22 movements. Vehicle operators shall also stop to allow a pedestrian
23 lawfully within an adjacent crosswalk to cross when the pedestrian is
24 upon the half of the roadway upon which the vehicle is traveling.

25 (b) Unless otherwise directed by a pedestrian control signal as
26 provided in RCW 46.61.060 as now or hereafter amended, pedestrians
27 facing a steady circular red signal alone shall not enter the roadway.

28 (c) Vehicle operators facing a steady red arrow indication may not
29 enter the intersection control area to make the movement indicated by
30 such arrow, and unless entering the intersection control area to make

1 such other movement as is permitted by other indications shown at the
2 same time, shall stop at a clearly marked stop line, but if none,
3 before entering a crosswalk on the near side of the intersection
4 control area, or if none, then before entering the intersection control
5 area and shall remain standing until an indication to make the movement
6 indicated by such arrow is shown. However, the vehicle operators
7 facing a steady red arrow indication may, after stopping proceed to
8 make a right turn from a one-way or two-way street into a two-way
9 street or into a one-way street carrying traffic in the direction of
10 the right turn; or a left turn from a one-way street or two-way street
11 into a one-way street carrying traffic in the direction of the left
12 turn; unless a sign posted by competent authority prohibits such
13 movement(~~(+but)~~). Vehicle operators planning to make such turns shall
14 remain stopped to allow other vehicles lawfully within or approaching
15 the intersection control area, or approaching pedestrians lawfully
16 within an adjacent ((crosswalk)) school crossing, to complete their
17 movements. Vehicle operators shall also stop to allow a pedestrian
18 lawfully within an adjacent crosswalk to cross when the pedestrian is
19 upon the half of the roadway upon which the vehicle is traveling.

20 (d) Unless otherwise directed by a pedestrian signal, pedestrians
21 facing a steady red arrow signal indication shall not enter the
22 roadway.

23 (4) If an official traffic control signal is erected and maintained
24 at a place other than an intersection, the provisions of this section
25 shall be applicable except as to those provisions which by their nature
26 can have no application. Any stop required shall be made at a sign or
27 marking on the pavement indicating where the stop shall be made, but in
28 the absence of any such sign or marking the stop shall be made at the
29 signal.

1 **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.61.060 and 1990 c 241 s 3 are each amended to read
2 as follows:

3 Whenever pedestrian control signals exhibiting the words "Walk" or
4 the walking person symbol or "Don't Walk" or the hand symbol are
5 operating, the signals shall indicate as follows:

6 (1) WALK or walking person symbol--Pedestrians facing such signal
7 may cross the roadway in the direction of the signal. Pedestrians that
8 begin to cross a roadway while facing such signal shall be granted the
9 right to complete their crossing by all vehicle operators.

10 (2) Steady or flashing DON'T WALK or hand symbol--Pedestrians shall
11 not enter the roadway, but if pedestrians have begun to cross before
12 the display of either signal, vehicle operators shall stop to allow
13 them to ~~((complete their movements))~~ cross when the pedestrian is upon
14 the half of the roadway upon which the vehicle is traveling. If
15 pedestrians have begun to cross at a school crossing before the display
16 of either signal, vehicle operators shall stop to allow them to
17 complete their movements.

18 (3) Pedestrian control signals having the "Wait" legend in use on
19 August 6, 1965, shall be deemed authorized signals and shall indicate
20 the same as the "Don't Walk" legend. Whenever such pedestrian control
21 signals are replaced the legend "Wait" shall be replaced by the legend
22 "Don't Walk".