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1 AN ACT Relating to pedestrian crosswalks; amending RCW 46.61.235,
2 46.61.055, and 46.61.060; and creating a new section.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.61.235 and 1990 c 241 s 4 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) (~~When traffic control signals are not in place or not in~~
7 ~~operation,~~) The operator of an approaching vehicle shall stop and
8 remain stopped to allow a pedestrian to cross the roadway within an
9 unmarked or marked crosswalk when the pedestrian is upon or within one
10 lane of the half of the roadway upon which the vehicle is traveling (~~(~~
11 ~~or when the pedestrian is upon the opposite half of the roadway and~~
12 ~~moving toward the approaching vehicle)) or onto which it is turning.
13 For purposes of this section "half of the roadway" means all traffic
14 lanes carrying traffic in one direction of travel, and includes the
15 entire width of a one-way roadway.~~

16 (2) No pedestrian shall suddenly leave a curb or other place of
17 safety and walk, run, or otherwise move into the path of a vehicle
18 which is so close that it is impossible for the driver to stop.

1 (3) Subsection (1) of this section does not apply under the
2 conditions stated in RCW 46.61.240(2).

3 (4) Whenever any vehicle is stopped at a marked crosswalk or at any
4 unmarked crosswalk at an intersection to permit a pedestrian to cross
5 the roadway, the driver of any other vehicle approaching from the rear
6 shall not overtake and pass such stopped vehicle.

7 **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.61.055 and 1990 c 241 s 2 are each amended to read
8 as follows:

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

15 (1) Green indication

16 (a) Vehicle operators facing a circular green signal may proceed
17 straight through or turn right or left unless a sign at such place
18 prohibits either such turn. ~~((But))~~ Vehicle operators turning right or
19 left shall stop to allow other vehicles ~~((or pedestrians))~~ lawfully
20 within the intersection control area to complete their movements.
21 Vehicle operators turning right or left shall also stop for pedestrians
22 who are lawfully within the intersection control area as required by
23 RCW 46.61.235(1).

24 (b) Vehicle operators facing a green arrow signal, shown alone or
25 in combination with another indication, may enter the intersection
26 control area only to make the movement indicated by such arrow, or such
27 other movement as is permitted by other indications shown at the same
28 time. ~~((The))~~ Vehicle operators shall stop to allow other vehicles
29 ~~((or pedestrians))~~ lawfully within the intersection control area to
30 complete their movements. Vehicle operators shall also stop for
31 pedestrians who are lawfully within the intersection control area as
32 required by RCW 46.61.235(1).

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

38 (2) Steady yellow indication

1 (a) Vehicle operators facing a steady circular yellow or yellow
2 arrow signal are thereby warned that the related green movement is
3 being terminated or that a red indication will be exhibited immediately
4 thereafter when vehicular traffic shall not enter the intersection.
5 Vehicle operators shall stop for pedestrians who are lawfully within
6 the intersection control area as required by RCW 46.61.235(1).

7 (b) Pedestrians facing a steady circular yellow or yellow arrow
8 signal, unless otherwise directed by a pedestrian control signal as
9 provided in RCW 46.61.060 shall not enter the roadway(~~(, but if~~
10 ~~pedestrians have begun to cross before the display of either signal,~~
11 ~~vehicle operators shall stop to allow them to complete their~~
12 ~~movements))~~).

13 (3) Steady red indication

14 (a) Vehicle operators facing a steady circular red signal alone
15 shall stop at a clearly marked stop line, but if none, before entering
16 the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection or, if none, then
17 before entering the intersection control area and shall remain standing
18 until an indication to proceed is shown. However, the vehicle
19 operators facing a steady circular red signal may, after stopping
20 proceed to make a right turn from a one-way or two-way street into a
21 two-way street or into a one-way street carrying traffic in the
22 direction of the right turn; or a left turn from a one-way or two-way
23 street into a one-way street carrying traffic in the direction of the
24 left turn; unless a sign posted by competent authority prohibits such
25 movement(~~(, but)~~). Vehicle operators planning to make such turns shall
26 remain stopped to allow other vehicles lawfully within or approaching
27 the intersection control area(~~(, or approaching pedestrians lawfully~~
28 within an adjacent crosswalk,)) to complete their movements. Vehicle
29 operators planning to make such turns shall also remain stopped for
30 pedestrians who are lawfully within the intersection control area as
31 required by RCW 46.61.235(1).

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

35 (c) Vehicle operators facing a steady red arrow indication may not
36 enter the intersection control area to make the movement indicated by
37 such arrow, and unless entering the intersection control area to make
38 such other movement as is permitted by other indications shown at the
39 same time, shall stop at a clearly marked stop line, but if none,

1 before entering a crosswalk on the near side of the intersection
2 control area, or if none, then before entering the intersection control
3 area and shall remain standing until an indication to make the movement
4 indicated by such arrow is shown. However, the vehicle operators
5 facing a steady red arrow indication may, after stopping proceed to
6 make a right turn from a one-way or two-way street into a two-way
7 street or into a one-way street carrying traffic in the direction of
8 the right turn; or a left turn from a one-way street or two-way street
9 into a one-way street carrying traffic in the direction of the left
10 turn; unless a sign posted by competent authority prohibits such
11 movement(~~(+but)~~). Vehicle operators planning to make such turns shall
12 remain stopped to allow other vehicles lawfully within or approaching
13 the intersection control area(~~(, or approaching pedestrians lawfully~~
14 within an adjacent crosswalk,)) to complete their movements. Vehicle
15 operators planning to make such turns shall also remain stopped for
16 pedestrians who are lawfully within the intersection control area as
17 required by RCW 46.61.235(1).

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

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

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

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

33 (1) WALK or walking person symbol--Pedestrians facing such signal
34 may cross the roadway in the direction of the signal. ~~((Pedestrians
35 that begin to cross a roadway while facing such signal shall be granted
36 the right to complete their crossing by all vehicle operators.))~~
37 Vehicle operators shall stop for pedestrians who are lawfully moving

1 within the intersection control area on such signal as required by RCW
2 46.61.235(1).

3 (2) Steady or flashing DON'T WALK or hand symbol--Pedestrians
4 facing such signal shall not enter the roadway(~~(, but if pedestrians~~
5 ~~have begun to cross before the display of either signal, vehicle~~
6 ~~operators shall stop to allow them to complete their movements)).~~
7 Vehicle operators shall stop for pedestrians who have begun to cross
8 the roadway before the display of either signal as required by RCW
9 46.61.235(1).

10 (3) Pedestrian control signals having the "Wait" legend in use on
11 August 6, 1965, shall be deemed authorized signals and shall indicate
12 the same as the "Don't Walk" legend. Whenever such pedestrian control
13 signals are replaced the legend "Wait" shall be replaced by the legend
14 "Don't Walk" or the hand symbol.

15 NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. The Washington traffic safety commission and
16 its member agencies shall, in cooperation with other interested
17 organizations, including the media, develop and execute with existing
18 resources a state-wide pedestrian safety education program. The
19 Washington traffic safety commission shall evaluate the effectiveness
20 of Washington's pedestrian safety program and report its findings to
21 the legislative transportation committee by January 1, 1995.

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