

CHAPTER NO. 62

SENATE BILL NO. 77

INTRODUCED BY GOODOVER, HAZELBAKER, ROSKIE, ETCHART, GALT,  
O'HARA, AKLESTAD, TURNAGE, E. SMITH, REGAN, RASMUSSEN,  
BLAYLOCK, S. BROWN, MANLEY, BOYLAN, STEPHENS, LOWE, NELSON

IN THE SENATE

January 8, 1979	Introduced and referred to Committee on Highways and Transportation.
January 20, 1979	Committee recommend bill do pass as amended. Report adopted.
January 22, 1979	Printed and placed on members' desks.
January 23, 1979	Second Reading, do pass.
January 24, 1979	Considered correctly engrossed.
January 25, 1979	Third Reading, passed. Transmitted to Second House.

IN THE HOUSE

January 26, 1979	Introduced and referred to Committee on Highways and Transportation.
February 7, 1979	Committee recommend bill be concurred in. Report adopted
February 8, 1979	Second Reading, pass consideration.
February 9, 1979	On motion, passed until the 36th Legislative Day.
February 13, 1979	On motion, postponed until the 46th Legislative Day.
February 27, 1979	Second Reading, concurred in.
February 28, 1979	Third Reading, concurred in.

IN THE SENATE

March 1, 1979

Returned from Second House.  
Concurred in.

Sent to enrolling.

Reported correctly enrolled.

1 *Senate* BILL NO. 77  
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 3 *Mull, O'Hara, Day, Callahan, Turvey*

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 5 61-8-207, MCA, TO ALLOW A LEFT TURN ON A RED SIGNAL FROM A  
 6 ONE-WAY STREET TO ANOTHER ONE-WAY STREET GOING LEFT." *E. Smith*  
 7 *Rasmussen* *Blaylock*  
 8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA: *J. Brown*  
 9 *Maly*

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 12 traffic is controlled by traffic-control signals exhibiting *Low*  
 13 the words "Go", "Caution", or "Stop" or exhibiting different *NELSON*  
 14 colored lights successively one at a time or with arrows,  
 15 the following colors only shall be used and said terms and  
 16 lights shall indicate and apply to drivers of vehicles and  
 17 pedestrians as follows:

- 17 (1) Green alone or "Go":
- 18 (a) Vehicular traffic facing the signal may proceed
- 19 straight through or turn left or right unless a sign at such
- 20 place prohibits either such turn. But vehicular traffic,
- 21 including vehicles turning right or left, shall yield the
- 22 right-of-way to other vehicles and to pedestrians lawfully
- 23 within the intersection of an adjacent crosswalk at the time
- 24 such signal is exhibited.
- 25 (b) Pedestrians facing the signal may proceed across

1 the roadway within any marked or unmarked crosswalk.

2 (2) Yellow alone or "Caution" when shown following the  
 3 green or "Go" signal:

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 6 immediately thereafter and such vehicular traffic shall not  
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9 (b) Pedestrians facing such signals are thereby  
 10 advised that there is insufficient time to cross the  
 11 roadway, and any pedestrian then starting to cross shall  
 12 yield the right-of-way to all vehicles.

13 (3) Red alone or "Stop":

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 15 before entering the crosswalk on the near side of the  
 16 intersection or, if none, then before entering the  
 17 intersection and shall remain standing until green or "Go"  
 18 is shown alone, or until a right turn can safely be made, or  
 19 until a left turn can safely be made if the turn is made  
 20 from a one-way street onto another one-way street going  
 21 left. In making such turn vehicular traffic must yield the  
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1 said intersection, such movement cannot be made until green  
2 or "Go" is shown alone.

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15 (5) Traffic-control signal at place other than  
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22 (b) Any stop required shall be made at a sign or  
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