

# House Bill 2681

Sponsored by Representatives BRUUN, READ (at the request of Bicycle Transportation Alliance)

## SUMMARY

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Adds green, yellow and red bicycle signals to list of traffic control devices.

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### A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to traffic control devices; amending ORS 810.200, 811.260 and 811.360.

**Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

**SECTION 1.** ORS 811.260 is amended to read:

811.260. This section establishes appropriate driver responses to specific traffic control devices for purposes of ORS 811.265. Authority to place traffic control devices is established under ORS 810.210. Except [*when acting under the direction of a police officer that contradicts this section*] **as provided in ORS 811.265 (2)**, a driver is in violation of ORS 811.265 if the driver makes a response to traffic control devices that is not permitted under the following:

(1) Green signal. A driver facing a green light may proceed straight through or turn right or left unless a sign at that place prohibits either turn. A driver shall yield the right of way to other vehicles within the intersection at the time the green light is shown.

(2) Green arrow. A driver facing a green arrow signal light, shown alone or in combination with another signal, may cautiously enter the intersection only to make the movement indicated by such arrow or such other movement as is permitted by other signals shown at the same time.

**(3) Green bicycle signal. A bicyclist facing a green bicycle signal may proceed straight through or turn right or left unless a sign at that place prohibits either turn. The bicyclist shall yield the right of way to other vehicles within the intersection at the time the green bicycle signal is shown.**

[(3)] (4) Steady circular yellow signal. A driver facing a steady circular yellow signal light is thereby warned that the related right of way is being terminated and that a red or flashing red light will be shown immediately. A driver facing the light shall stop at a clearly marked stop line, but if none, shall stop before entering the marked crosswalk on the near side of the intersection, or if there is no marked crosswalk, then before entering the intersection. If a driver cannot stop in safety, the driver may drive cautiously through the intersection.

[(4)] (5) Steady yellow arrow signal. A driver facing a steady yellow arrow signal, alone or in combination with other signal indications, is thereby warned that the related right of way is being terminated. Unless entering the intersection to make a movement permitted by another signal, a driver facing a steady yellow arrow signal shall stop at a clearly marked stop line, but if none, shall stop before entering the marked crosswalk on the near side of the intersection, or if there is no marked crosswalk, then before entering the intersection. If a driver cannot stop in safety, the driver may drive cautiously through the intersection.

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1       **(6) Steady yellow bicycle signal. A bicyclist facing a steady yellow bicycle signal is thereby**  
 2 **warned that the related right of way is being terminated and that a red bicycle signal will**  
 3 **be shown immediately. A bicyclist facing a steady yellow bicycle signal shall stop at a clearly**  
 4 **marked stop line, but if none, shall stop before entering the marked crosswalk on the near**  
 5 **side of the intersection, or if there is no marked crosswalk, then before entering the inter-**  
 6 **section. If a bicyclist cannot stop in safety, the bicyclist may proceed cautiously through the**  
 7 **intersection.**

8       [(5)] **(7) Steady circular red signal. A driver facing a steady circular red signal light alone shall**  
 9 **stop at a clearly marked stop line, but if none, before entering the marked crosswalk on the near**  
 10 **side of the intersection, or if there is no marked crosswalk, then before entering the intersection.**  
 11 **The driver shall remain stopped until a green light is shown except when the driver is permitted to**  
 12 **make a turn under ORS 811.360.**

13       [(6)] **(8) Steady red arrow signal. A driver facing a steady red arrow signal, alone or in combi-**  
 14 **nation with other signal indications, may not enter the intersection to make the movement indicated**  
 15 **by the red arrow signal. Unless entering the intersection to make some other movement which is**  
 16 **permitted by another signal, a driver facing a steady red arrow signal shall stop at a clearly marked**  
 17 **stop line, but if none, before entering the marked crosswalk on the near side of the intersection, or**  
 18 **if there is no marked crosswalk, then before entering the intersection. The vehicle shall remain**  
 19 **stopped until a green light is shown except when the driver is permitted to make a turn under ORS**  
 20 **811.360.**

21       **(9) Steady red bicycle signal. A bicyclist facing a steady red bicycle signal shall stop at**  
 22 **a clearly marked stop line, but if none, before entering the marked crosswalk on the near**  
 23 **side of the intersection, or if there is no marked crosswalk, then before entering the inter-**  
 24 **section. The bicyclist shall remain stopped until a green bicycle signal is shown except when**  
 25 **the bicyclist is permitted to make a turn under ORS 811.360.**

26       [(7)] **(10) Traffic control devices at places other than intersections. If a traffic control device**  
 27 **that is a signal is erected and maintained at a place other than an intersection, the provisions of**  
 28 **this section relating to signals shall be applicable. A required stop shall be made at a sign or**  
 29 **marking on the roadway indicating where the stop shall be made, but in the absence of such sign**  
 30 **or marking the stop shall be made at the signal.**

31       [(8)] **(11) Flashing red signal. When a driver approaches a flashing red light used in a traffic**  
 32 **control device or with a traffic sign, the driver shall stop at a clearly marked stop line, but if none,**  
 33 **before entering the marked crosswalk on the near side of the intersection, or if there is no marked**  
 34 **crosswalk, then at the point nearest the intersecting roadway where the driver has a view of ap-**  
 35 **proaching traffic on the intersecting roadway before entering it. The right to proceed shall be sub-**  
 36 **ject to the rules applicable after making a stop at a stop sign. This subsection does not apply at**  
 37 **railroad grade crossings. Conduct of a driver approaching a railroad grade crossing is governed by**  
 38 **ORS 811.455.**

39       [(9)] **(12) Flashing yellow signal. When a driver approaches a flashing yellow light used as a**  
 40 **signal in a traffic control device or with a traffic sign, the driver may proceed through the inter-**  
 41 **section or past the signal only with caution. This subsection does not apply at railroad grade**  
 42 **crossings. Conduct of a driver approaching a railroad grade crossing is governed by ORS 811.455.**

43       [(10)] **(13) Lane direction control signals. When lane direction control signals are placed over**  
 44 **the individual lanes of a highway, a person may drive a vehicle in any lane over which a green**  
 45 **signal light is shown, but may not enter or travel in any lane over which a red signal light is shown.**

1        [(11)] (14) Stop signs. A driver approaching a stop sign shall stop at a clearly marked stop line,  
 2 but if none, before entering the marked crosswalk on the near side of the intersection or, if there  
 3 is no marked crosswalk, then at the point nearest the intersecting roadway where the driver has a  
 4 view of approaching traffic on the intersecting roadway before entering it. After stopping, the driver  
 5 shall yield the right of way to any vehicle in the intersection or approaching so closely as to con-  
 6 stitute an immediate hazard during the time when the driver is moving across or within the inter-  
 7 section.

8        [(12)] (15) Yield signs. A driver approaching a yield sign shall slow the driver's vehicle to a  
 9 speed reasonable for the existing conditions and if necessary for safety, shall stop at a line as re-  
 10 quired for stop signs under this section, and shall yield the right of way to any vehicles in the  
 11 intersection or approaching so closely as to constitute an immediate hazard.

12        **SECTION 2.** ORS 811.360 is amended to read:

13        811.360. (1) The driver of a vehicle, subject to this section, who is intending to turn at an  
 14 intersection where there is a traffic control device showing a steady circular red signal, **steady red**  
 15 **bicycle signal** or a steady red arrow signal may do any of the following without violating ORS  
 16 811.260 and 811.265:

17        (a) Make a right turn into a two-way street.

18        (b) Make a right or left turn into a one-way street in the direction of traffic upon the one-way  
 19 street.

20        (2) A person commits the offense of improper turn at a stop light if the person does any of the  
 21 following while making a turn described in this section:

22        (a) Fails to stop at the light as required.

23        (b) Fails to exercise care to avoid an accident.

24        (c) Disobeys the directions of a traffic control device or a police officer that prohibits the turn.

25        (d) Fails to yield the right of way to traffic lawfully within the intersection or approaching so  
 26 close as to constitute an immediate hazard.

27        (3) A driver who is making a turn described in this section is also subject to the requirements  
 28 under ORS 811.028 to stop for a pedestrian while making the turn.

29        (4) The offense described in this section, improper turn at a stop light, is a Class B traffic vio-  
 30 lation.

31        **SECTION 3.** ORS 810.200 is amended to read:

32        810.200. (1) The Oregon Transportation Commission may exercise the following authority with  
 33 respect to the marking, signing and use of traffic control devices in this state:

34        (a) The commission shall adopt a manual and specifications of uniform standards for traffic  
 35 control devices consistent with the provisions of the vehicle code for use upon highways in this  
 36 state.

37        (b) The commission is authorized to provide a uniform system of marking and signing highways  
 38 within the boundaries of this state.

39        (c) The commission is authorized to determine the character or type of traffic control devices  
 40 to be used in this state.

41        (2) The authority granted under this section is subject to all of the following:

42        (a) The system of marking and signing established under this section shall correlate with and,  
 43 as far as possible, conform to the system adopted in other states. The commission may include in  
 44 the system signs and signals that show internationally recognized and approved symbols.

45        (b) So far as practicable, all traffic control devices in this state shall be uniform as to type and

1 location.

2 (c) All traffic control devices placed or operated in this state shall conform to specifications  
3 approved by the commission.

4 (d) Stop signs and yield signs shall be illuminated at night or so placed as to be illuminated by  
5 the headlights of approaching vehicles or by street lights.

6 (e) **Bicycle signals may be used only at locations that meet the geometric or traffic vol-**  
7 **ume standards adopted by the commission.**

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