

# Senate Bill 131

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## SUMMARY

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Modifies offense of making illegal U-turn.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to U-turns; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 811.365.

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

**SECTION 1.** ORS 811.365 is amended to read:

811.365. (1) A person commits the offense of making an illegal U-turn if the person is operating a vehicle and the person turns the vehicle so as to proceed in the opposite direction in any of the following places:

(a) Within an intersection where [*traffic is controlled by an electrical signal. This paragraph does not apply where posted otherwise.*] **a sign prohibits U-turns.**

(b) Upon a highway within the limits of an incorporated city between intersections.

(c) At any place upon a highway where the vehicle cannot be seen by another driver approaching from either direction within a distance of:

(A) 500 feet within the incorporated limits of a city; or

(B) 1,000 feet outside a city.

**(d) In any location where a U-turn cannot be made safely or where a U-turn would interfere with other traffic or pedestrians.**

(2) The offense described in this section, illegal U-turn, is a Class C traffic violation unless commission of the offense contributes to an accident. If commission of the offense contributes to an accident, the offense is a Class B traffic violation.

**SECTION 2. The amendments to ORS 811.365 by section 1 of this 2011 Act apply to offenses committed on or after the effective date of this 2011 Act.**

**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.