

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 BILL NO. 1795

By: Hoskin, Luttrell, Ownbey,
Dorman and Roan of the
House

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Bass of the Senate

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8 An Act relating to motor vehicles; amending 47 O.S.
9 2001, Section 11-202, which relates to traffic
10 control signals; establishing conditions under which
11 motorcyclists and bicyclists may proceed through red
12 traffic signals; specifying conditions under which
13 motorcyclists and bicyclists shall not have a defense
14 for certain violations; and providing an effective
15 date.

16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

17 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2001, Section 11-202, is
18 amended to read as follows:

19 Section 11-202. Whenever traffic is controlled by traffic
20 control signals exhibiting different colored lights or colored
21 lighted arrows successively one at a time, or in combination, only
22 the colors green, red and yellow shall be used, except for special
23 pedestrian signals carrying a word legend, and said lights shall
24 indicate and apply to drivers of vehicles and pedestrians as
follows:

1 1. Green indication:

2 a. Vehicular traffic facing a circular green signal,
3 except when prohibited under Section 11-1302 of this
4 title, may proceed straight through or turn right or
5 left unless a sign at such place prohibits either such
6 turn. But vehicular traffic, including vehicles
7 turning right or left, shall yield the right-of-way to
8 other vehicles and to pedestrians lawfully within the
9 intersection or an adjacent crosswalk at the time such
10 signal is exhibited.

11 b. Vehicular traffic facing a green arrow signal, shown
12 alone or in combination with another indication, may
13 cautiously enter the intersection only to make the
14 movement indicated by such arrow, or such other
15 movement as is permitted by other indications shown at
16 the same time. Such vehicular traffic shall yield the
17 right-of-way to pedestrians lawfully within an
18 adjacent crosswalk and to other traffic lawfully using
19 the intersection.

20 c. Unless otherwise directed by a pedestrian-control
21 signal, as provided in Section 11-203 of this title,
22 pedestrians facing any green signal, except when the
23 sole green signal is a turn arrow, may proceed across
24 the roadway within any marked or unmarked crosswalk.

1 turn left from a one-way street into a one-way street
2 after stopping as required by ~~paragraph 3a~~
3 subparagraph a of this ~~section~~ paragraph. Such
4 vehicular traffic shall yield the right-of-way to
5 pedestrians lawfully within an adjacent crosswalk and
6 to other traffic lawfully using the intersection.

7 c. In order to prohibit right turns or left turns as
8 prescribed in ~~paragraph 3b~~ subparagraph b of this
9 ~~section~~ paragraph on the red signal after the required
10 stop, a municipality must erect clear, concise signs
11 informing drivers that such turns are prohibited. The
12 Highway Department shall specify the design of the
13 sign to be used for this purpose, and it shall be used
14 uniformly throughout the state.

15 d. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the driver
16 of a motorcycle or bicycle facing any steady red
17 signal may cautiously proceed through the intersection
18 only if:

19 (1) the motorcycle or bicycle has been brought to a
20 complete stop as required by subparagraph a of
21 this paragraph,

22 (2) the traffic control signal is programmed or
23 engineered to change to a green signal only after
24 detecting the approach of a motor vehicle and has

1 failed to detect the arrival of the motorcycle or
2 bicycle because of its size or weight, and
3 (3) no motor vehicle or person is approaching on the
4 roadway to be crossed or entered, or is at a
5 distance from the intersection that does not
6 constitute an immediate hazard.

7 It shall not be a defense to a violation of
8 subparagraph a of this paragraph that the driver of a
9 motorcycle or bicycle proceeded under the belief that
10 a traffic control signal was programmed or engineered
11 to change to a green light only after detecting the
12 approach of a vehicle when such signal was not in fact
13 programmed or engineered in such a way, or that such a
14 signal was not in fact inoperative due to the size or
15 weight of the motorcycle or bicycle.

16 e. Unless otherwise directed by a pedestrian control
17 signal as provided in Section 11-203 of this title,
18 pedestrians facing a steady circular red signal alone
19 shall not enter the roadway.

20 In the event an official traffic control signal is erected and
21 maintained at a place other than an intersection, the provisions of
22 this section shall be applicable except as to those provisions which
23 by their nature can have no application. Any stop required shall be
24 made at a sign or marking on the pavement indicating where the stop

