

REFERENCE TITLE: traffic control; right on red

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## **SB 1299**

Introduced by  
Senator Kern

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 28-645, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO TRAFFIC CONTROL.

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1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 28-645, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:

4 28-645. Traffic control signal legend

5 A. If traffic is controlled by traffic control signals exhibiting  
6 different colored lights or colored lighted arrows successively one at a  
7 time or in combination, only the colors green, red and yellow shall be  
8 used, except for special pedestrian signals carrying a word legend. The  
9 lights shall indicate and apply to drivers of vehicles and pedestrians as  
10 follows:

11 1. Green indication:

12 (a) Vehicular traffic facing a green signal may proceed straight  
13 through or turn right or left unless a sign at that place prohibits either  
14 turn. Vehicular traffic, including vehicles turning right or left, shall  
15 yield the right-of-way to other vehicles and to pedestrians lawfully  
16 within the intersection or an adjacent crosswalk at the time the signal is  
17 exhibited.

18 (b) Vehicular traffic facing a green arrow signal, shown alone or  
19 in combination with another indication, may cautiously enter the  
20 intersection only to make the movement indicated by such arrow or such  
21 other movement as is permitted by other indications shown at the same  
22 time. Vehicular traffic shall yield the right-of-way to pedestrians  
23 lawfully within an adjacent crosswalk and to other traffic lawfully using  
24 the intersection.

25 (c) Unless otherwise directed by a pedestrian control signal as  
26 provided in section 28-646, pedestrians facing any green signal, except if  
27 the sole green signal is a turn arrow, may proceed across the roadway  
28 within any marked or unmarked crosswalk.

29 2. Steady yellow indication:

30 (a) Vehicular traffic facing a steady yellow signal is warned by  
31 the signal that the related green movement is being terminated or that a  
32 red indication will be exhibited immediately thereafter when vehicular  
33 traffic shall not enter the intersection.

34 (b) Unless otherwise directed by a pedestrian control signal as  
35 provided in section 28-646, pedestrians facing a steady yellow signal are  
36 advised by the signal that there is insufficient time to cross the roadway  
37 before a red indication is shown and a pedestrian shall not then start to  
38 cross the roadway.

39 3. Red indication:

40 (a) Except as provided in subdivisions (b) and (c) of this  
41 paragraph, vehicular traffic facing a steady red signal alone shall stop  
42 before entering the intersection and shall remain standing until an  
43 indication to proceed is shown. On receipt of a record of judgment for a  
44 violation of this subdivision or an act in another jurisdiction that if  
45 committed in this state would be a violation of this section, the

1 department shall order the person to attend and successfully complete  
2 traffic survival school educational sessions within sixty days after the  
3 department issues the order. Notwithstanding section 28-3315, if the  
4 person fails to attend or successfully complete traffic survival school  
5 educational sessions, the department shall suspend the person's driving  
6 privilege pursuant to section 28-3306 until the person attends and  
7 successfully completes traffic survival school educational sessions. A  
8 person whose driving privilege is suspended pursuant to this subdivision  
9 may request a hearing. If the person requests a hearing, the department  
10 shall conduct the hearing as prescribed in section 28-3306. A law  
11 enforcement officer or a jurisdiction issuing a citation to a person who  
12 violates this subdivision shall provide written notice to the person that  
13 if eligible, the person may attend defensive driving school or, if not  
14 eligible or if the person chooses not to attend defensive driving school  
15 and is found responsible or enters a plea of responsible for a violation  
16 of this subsection, the person must attend and successfully complete  
17 traffic survival school educational sessions. The notice shall include a  
18 reference to red light violations and state that if the person is required  
19 to attend traffic survival school the person will receive notice from the  
20 motor vehicle division.

21 (b) The driver of a vehicle that is stopped in obedience to a red  
22 signal and as close as practicable at the entrance to the crosswalk on the  
23 near side of the intersection, or if there is no crosswalk, then at the  
24 entrance to the intersection, may make a right turn but shall yield the  
25 right-of-way to pedestrians and other traffic proceeding as directed by  
26 the signal. A right turn may be prohibited against a red signal at ~~any~~ AN  
27 intersection if:

28 (i) AN ENGINEER WHO IS REGISTERED PURSUANT TO TITLE 32, CHAPTER 1  
29 EVALUATES THE INTERSECTION AND DETERMINES THAT ALLOWING A RIGHT TURN ON A  
30 RED SIGNAL IS UNSAFE EITHER AT ALL TIMES OR ON SPECIFIC DAYS AND TIMES.

31 (ii) THE ENGINEER'S DETERMINATION DESCRIBED IN ITEM (i) OF THIS  
32 SUBDIVISION IS DOCUMENTED.

33 (iii) A sign prohibiting the turn is erected at the intersection.

34 (c) The driver of a vehicle on a one-way street that intersects  
35 another one-way street on which traffic moves to the left shall stop in  
36 obedience to a red signal but may then make a left turn into the one-way  
37 street. The driver shall yield the right-of-way to pedestrians and other  
38 traffic proceeding as directed by the signal at the intersection, except  
39 that such left turn may be prohibited if a sign prohibiting the turn is  
40 erected at the intersection.

41 (d) Unless otherwise directed by a pedestrian control signal as  
42 provided in section 28-646, a pedestrian facing a steady red signal alone  
43 shall not enter the roadway.

44 B. If an official traffic control signal is erected and maintained  
45 at a place other than an intersection, this section applies except as to

1 those provisions of this section that by their nature can have no  
2 application. Any stop required shall be made at a sign or marking on the  
3 pavement indicating where the stop shall be made, but in the absence of a  
4 sign or marking the stop shall be made at the signal.

5 C. The driver of a vehicle approaching an intersection that has an  
6 official traffic control signal that is inoperative shall bring the  
7 vehicle to a complete stop before entering the intersection and may  
8 proceed with caution only when it is safe to do so. If two or more  
9 vehicles approach an intersection from different streets or highways at  
10 approximately the same time and the official traffic control signal for  
11 the intersection is inoperative, the driver of each vehicle shall bring  
12 the vehicle to a complete stop before entering the intersection and the  
13 driver of the vehicle on the left shall yield the right-of-way to the  
14 driver of the vehicle on the right.