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By Representative Van Luven

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1            AN ACT Relating to pedestrian crosswalks; and amending RCW  
2 46.61.235, 46.61.055, and 46.61.060.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.61.235 and 1990 c 241 s 4 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6            (1) (~~When traffic control signals are not in place or not in~~  
7 ~~operation,~~) The operator of an approaching vehicle shall stop and  
8 remain stopped to allow a pedestrian to cross the roadway within an  
9 unmarked or marked crosswalk when the pedestrian is upon or within one  
10 lane of the half of the roadway upon which the vehicle is traveling (~~(~~  
11 ~~or when the pedestrian is upon the opposite half of the roadway and~~  
12 ~~moving toward the approaching vehicle)) or onto which it is turning.  
13 For purposes of this section "half of the roadway" means all traffic~~

1 lanes carrying traffic in one direction of travel, and includes the  
2 entire width of a one-way roadway.

3 (2) No pedestrian shall suddenly leave a curb or other place of  
4 safety and walk, run, or otherwise move into the path of a vehicle  
5 which is so close that it is impossible for the driver to stop.

6 (3) Subsection (1) of this section does not apply under the  
7 conditions stated in RCW 46.61.240(2).

8 (4) Whenever any vehicle is stopped at a marked crosswalk or at any  
9 unmarked crosswalk at an intersection to permit a pedestrian to cross  
10 the roadway, the driver of any other vehicle approaching from the rear  
11 shall not overtake and pass such stopped vehicle.

12 **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.61.055 and 1990 c 241 s 2 are each amended to read  
13 as follows:

14 Whenever traffic is controlled by traffic control signals  
15 exhibiting different colored lights, or colored lighted arrows,  
16 successively one at a time or in combination, only the colors green,  
17 red and yellow shall be used, except for special pedestrian signals  
18 carrying a word or legend, and said lights shall indicate and apply to  
19 drivers of vehicles and pedestrians as follows:

20 (1) Green indication

21 (a) Vehicle operators facing a circular green signal may proceed  
22 straight through or turn right or left unless a sign at such place  
23 prohibits either such turn. ~~((But))~~ Vehicle operators turning right or  
24 left shall stop to allow other vehicles ~~((or pedestrians))~~ lawfully  
25 within the intersection control area to complete their movements.  
26 Vehicle operators turning right or left shall also stop for pedestrians  
27 who are lawfully within the intersection control area as required by  
28 RCW 46.61.235(1).

1 (b) Vehicle operators facing a green arrow signal, shown alone or  
2 in combination with another indication, may enter the intersection  
3 control area only to make the movement indicated by such arrow, or such  
4 other movement as is permitted by other indications shown at the same  
5 time. ~~((The))~~ Vehicle operators shall stop to allow other vehicles  
6 ~~((or pedestrians))~~ lawfully within the intersection control area to  
7 complete their movements. Vehicle operators shall also stop for  
8 pedestrians who are lawfully within the intersection control area as  
9 required by RCW 46.61.235(1).

10 (c) Unless otherwise directed by a pedestrian control signal, as  
11 provided in RCW 46.61.060 as now or hereafter amended, pedestrians  
12 facing any green signal, except when the sole green signal is a turn  
13 arrow, may proceed across the roadway within any marked or unmarked  
14 crosswalk.

15 (2) Steady yellow indication

16 (a) Vehicle operators facing a steady circular yellow or yellow  
17 arrow signal are thereby warned that the related green movement is  
18 being terminated or that a red indication will be exhibited immediately  
19 thereafter when vehicular traffic shall not enter the intersection.  
20 Vehicle operators shall stop for pedestrians who are lawfully within  
21 the intersection control area as required by RCW 46.61.235(1).

22 (b) Pedestrians facing a steady circular yellow or yellow arrow  
23 signal, unless otherwise directed by a pedestrian control signal as  
24 provided in RCW 46.61.060 shall not enter the roadway(~~(, but if~~  
25 ~~pedestrians have begun to cross before the display of either signal,~~  
26 ~~vehicle operators shall stop to allow them to complete their~~  
27 ~~movements))~~).

28 (3) Steady red indication

29 (a) Vehicle operators facing a steady circular red signal alone  
30 shall stop at a clearly marked stop line, but if none, before entering

1 the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection or, if none, then  
2 before entering the intersection control area and shall remain standing  
3 until an indication to proceed is shown. However, the vehicle  
4 operators facing a steady circular red signal may, after stopping  
5 proceed to make a right turn from a one-way or two-way street into a  
6 two-way street or into a one-way street carrying traffic in the  
7 direction of the right turn; or a left turn from a one-way or two-way  
8 street into a one-way street carrying traffic in the direction of the  
9 left turn; unless a sign posted by competent authority prohibits such  
10 movement(~~(; but)~~). Vehicle operators planning to make such turns shall  
11 remain stopped to allow other vehicles lawfully within or approaching  
12 the intersection control area(~~(, or approaching pedestrians lawfully~~  
13 within an adjacent crosswalk,)) to complete their movements. Vehicle  
14 operators planning to make such turns shall also remain stopped for  
15 pedestrians who are lawfully within the intersection control area as  
16 required by RCW 46.61.235(1).

17 (b) Unless otherwise directed by a pedestrian control signal as  
18 provided in RCW 46.61.060 as now or hereafter amended, pedestrians  
19 facing a steady circular red signal alone shall not enter the roadway.

20 (c) Vehicle operators facing a steady red arrow indication may not  
21 enter the intersection control area to make the movement indicated by  
22 such arrow, and unless entering the intersection control area to make  
23 such other movement as is permitted by other indications shown at the  
24 same time, shall stop at a clearly marked stop line, but if none,  
25 before entering a crosswalk on the near side of the intersection  
26 control area, or if none, then before entering the intersection control  
27 area and shall remain standing until an indication to make the movement  
28 indicated by such arrow is shown. However, the vehicle operators  
29 facing a steady red arrow indication may, after stopping proceed to  
30 make a right turn from a one-way or two-way street into a two-way

1 street or into a one-way street carrying traffic in the direction of  
2 the right turn; or a left turn from a one-way street or two-way street  
3 into a one-way street carrying traffic in the direction of the left  
4 turn; unless a sign posted by competent authority prohibits such  
5 movement(~~(; but)~~). Vehicle operators planning to make such turns shall  
6 remain stopped to allow other vehicles lawfully within or approaching  
7 the intersection control area(~~(, or approaching pedestrians lawfully~~  
8 within an adjacent crosswalk,)) to complete their movements. Vehicle  
9 operators planning to make such turns shall also remain stopped for  
10 pedestrians who are lawfully within the intersection control area as  
11 required by RCW 46.61.235(1).

12 (d) Unless otherwise directed by a pedestrian signal, pedestrians  
13 facing a steady red arrow signal indication shall not enter the  
14 roadway.

15 (4) If an official traffic control signal is erected and maintained  
16 at a place other than an intersection, the provisions of this section  
17 shall be applicable except as to those provisions which by their nature  
18 can have no application. Any stop required shall be made at a sign or  
19 marking on the pavement indicating where the stop shall be made, but in  
20 the absence of any such sign or marking the stop shall be made at the  
21 signal.

22 **Sec. 3.** RCW 46.61.060 and 1990 c 241 s 3 are each amended to read  
23 as follows:

24 Whenever pedestrian control signals exhibiting the words "Walk" or  
25 the walking person symbol or "Don't Walk" or the hand symbol are  
26 operating, the signals shall indicate as follows:

27 (1) WALK or walking person symbol--Pedestrians facing such signal  
28 may cross the roadway in the direction of the signal. (~~Pedestrians~~  
29 ~~that begin to cross a roadway while facing such signal shall be granted~~

1 ~~the right to complete their crossing by all vehicle operators.))~~  
2 Vehicle operators shall stop for pedestrians who are lawfully moving  
3 within the intersection control area on such signal as required by RCW  
4 46.61.235(1).

5 (2) Steady or flashing DON'T WALK or hand symbol--Pedestrians  
6 facing such signal shall not enter the roadway(~~(, but if pedestrians~~  
7 ~~have begun to cross before the display of either signal, vehicle~~  
8 ~~operators shall stop to allow them to complete their movements)).~~  
9 Vehicle operators shall stop for pedestrians who have begun to cross  
10 the roadway before the display of either signal as required by RCW  
11 46.61.235(1).

12 (3) Pedestrian control signals having the "Wait" legend in use on  
13 August 6, 1965, shall be deemed authorized signals and shall indicate  
14 the same as the "Don't Walk" legend. Whenever such pedestrian control  
15 signals are replaced the legend "Wait" shall be replaced by the legend  
16 "Don't Walk" or the hand symbol.