
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Section 291C-32, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "**§291C-32 Traffic-control signal legend.** (a) Whenever
4 traffic is controlled by traffic-control signals exhibiting
5 different colored lights, or colored lighted arrows,
6 successively one at a time or in combination, only the colors
7 green, red, and yellow shall be used, except for special
8 pedestrian signals carrying a word or symbol legend, and the
9 lights shall indicate and apply to drivers of vehicles and
10 pedestrians as follows:

11 (1) Green indication:

12 (A) Vehicular traffic facing a circular green signal
13 may proceed straight through or turn right or
14 left unless a sign at the place prohibits either
15 such turn. But vehicular traffic, including
16 vehicles turning right or left, shall yield the
17 right-of-way to other vehicles and to pedestrians



1 lawfully within the intersection or an adjacent
2 crosswalk at the time such signal is exhibited.

3 (B) Vehicular traffic facing a green arrow signal,
4 shown alone or in combination with another
5 indication, may cautiously enter the intersection
6 only to make the movement indicated by such
7 arrow, or such other movement as is permitted by
8 other indications shown at the same time. Such
9 vehicular traffic shall yield the right-of-way to
10 pedestrians lawfully within an adjacent crosswalk
11 and to other traffic lawfully using the
12 intersection.

13 (C) Unless otherwise directed by a pedestrian-control
14 signal, as provided in section 291C-33,
15 pedestrians facing any green signal, except when
16 the sole green signal is a turn arrow, may
17 proceed across the roadway within any marked or
18 unmarked crosswalk.

19 (2) Steady yellow indication:

20 (A) Vehicular traffic facing a steady yellow signal
21 is thereby warned that the related green movement
22 is being terminated or that a red indication will



1 be exhibited immediately thereafter when
2 vehicular traffic shall not enter the
3 intersection.

4 (B) Pedestrians facing a steady yellow signal, unless
5 otherwise directed by a pedestrian-control signal
6 as provided in section 291C-33, are thereby
7 advised that there is insufficient time to cross
8 the roadway before a red indication is shown and
9 no pedestrian shall then start to cross the
10 roadway.

11 (3) Steady red indication:

12 (A) Vehicular traffic facing a steady red signal
13 alone shall stop at a clearly marked stop line,
14 but if none, before entering the crosswalk on the
15 near side of the intersection or, if none, then
16 before entering the intersection and shall remain
17 standing until an indication to proceed is shown,
18 except as provided in the next succeeding
19 paragraphs.

20 (B) The driver of a vehicle which is stopped in
21 obedience to a steady red indication may make a
22 right turn but shall yield the right-of-way to



1 pedestrians and other traffic proceeding as
2 directed by the signal at said intersection,
3 except that counties by ordinance may prohibit
4 any such right turn against a steady red
5 indication, which ordinance shall be effective
6 when a sign is erected at such intersection
7 giving notice thereof.

8 (C) The driver of a vehicle on a one-way street which
9 intersects another one-way street on which
10 traffic moves to the left shall stop in obedience
11 to a steady red indication but may then make a
12 left turn into said one-way street, but shall
13 yield right-of-way to pedestrians, proceeding as
14 directed by the signal at said intersection
15 except that counties by ordinance may prohibit
16 any such left turn as above described which
17 ordinance shall be effective when a sign is
18 erected at such intersection giving notice
19 thereof.

20 (D) Unless otherwise directed by a pedestrian-control
21 signal as provided in section 291C-33,



1 pedestrians facing a steady red signal alone
2 shall not enter the roadway.

3 (b) In the event an official traffic-control signal is
4 erected and maintained at a place other than an intersection,
5 the provisions of this section shall be applicable except as to
6 those provisions which by their nature can have no application.
7 Any stop required shall be made at a sign or marking on the
8 pavement indicating where the stop shall be made, but in the
9 absence of any such sign or marking the stop shall be made at
10 the signal.

11 (c) Every driver of a vehicle who violates this section
12 shall pay a fine of \$150."

13 SECTION 2. Section 291C-161, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
14 amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

15 "(c) Every person convicted under or found in violation of
16 section 291C-12, 291C-12.5, 291C-12.6, 291C-32, 291C-72, 291C-
17 73, 291C-95, or 291C-105 shall be sentenced or fined in
18 accordance with those sections."

19 SECTION 3. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
20 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
21 begun, before its effective date.

22 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

1 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Traffic Violations; Fines

Description:

Establishes a \$150 fine for running a red light.

