

**Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly, State of North Dakota, begun in the  
Capitol in the City of Bismarck, on Tuesday, the fifth day of January,  
one thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine**

SENATE BILL NO. 2184  
(Transportation Committee)  
(At the request of the Department of Transportation)

AN ACT to amend and reenact sections 39-10-05, 39-10-06, and 39-10-07 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to traffic control signals.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 39-10-05 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**39-10-05. Traffic-control signal legend.** Whenever traffic is controlled by traffic-control signals exhibiting different colored lights, or colored lighted arrows, successively one at a time or in combination, only the colors green, red, and yellow may be used, except for special pedestrian signals carrying a word or legend, and said lights must indicate and apply to drivers of vehicles and pedestrians as follows:

1. Green ~~indication~~ indications:
  - a. Vehicular traffic facing a circular green ~~signal~~ indication may proceed straight through or turn right or left unless a sign at such place prohibits either such turn. But vehicular traffic, including vehicles turning right or left, shall yield the right of way to other vehicles and to pedestrians lawfully within the intersection or an adjacent crosswalk at the time such signal is exhibited.
  - b. Vehicular traffic facing a green arrow ~~signal~~ indication, shown alone or in combination with another indication, may cautiously enter the intersection only to make the movement indicated by such arrow or such other movement as is permitted by other indications shown at the same time. Such vehicular traffic shall yield the right of way to pedestrians lawfully within an adjacent crosswalk and to other traffic lawfully using the intersection.
  - c. Unless otherwise directed by a pedestrian-control signal as provided for in section 39-10-06, pedestrians facing any green ~~signal~~ indication, except when the sole green ~~signal~~ indication is a turn arrow, may proceed across the roadway within any marked or unmarked crosswalk.
2. Steady yellow indication:
  - a. Vehicular traffic facing a steady circular yellow ~~signal~~ or yellow arrow indication is thereby warned that the related green movement is being terminated or that a red indication will be exhibited immediately thereafter when vehicular traffic may not enter the intersection.
  - b. Pedestrians facing a steady circular yellow ~~signal~~ or yellow arrow indication, unless otherwise directed by a pedestrian-control signal as provided for in section 39-10-06, are thereby advised that there is insufficient time to cross the roadway before a red indication is shown and no pedestrian may then start to cross the roadway.
3. Steady red indication:
  - a. Vehicular traffic facing a steady circular red ~~signal~~ indication alone shall stop at a clearly marked stop line, but if none, before entering the crosswalk on the near side of

the intersection, or if none, then before entering the intersection and shall remain standing until an indication to proceed is shown, except as provided for in subdivision ~~b~~ c.

- b. Vehicular traffic facing a steady red arrow indication may not enter the intersection to make the movement indicated by the arrow and, unless entering the intersection to make a movement permitted by another indication, must stop at a clearly marked stop line, but if none, before entering the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection, or if none, then before entering the intersection and must remain standing until an indication permitting the movement indicated by the red arrow is shown except as provided for in subdivision c.
  - c. Except when a sign is in place prohibiting a turn, vehicular traffic facing a any steady red ~~signal~~ indication may cautiously enter the intersection to turn right, or to turn left from a one-way street into a one-way street, after stopping as required by ~~subdivision~~ subdivisions a and b. Such vehicular traffic shall yield the right of way to pedestrians lawfully within adjacent crosswalk and to other traffic lawfully using the intersection.
  - e- d. Unless otherwise directed by a pedestrian-control signal as provided for in section 39-10-06, pedestrians facing a steady circular red ~~signal~~ or red arrow indication alone may not enter the roadway.
4. In the event an official traffic-control signal is erected and maintained at a place other than an intersection, the provisions of this section are applicable, except as to those provisions which by their nature can have no application. Any stop required must be made at a sign or marking on the pavement indicating where the stop must be made, but in the absence of any such sign or marking the stop must be made at the signal.

**SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 39-10-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**39-10-06. Pedestrian control signals.** Whenever special pedestrian control signals exhibiting the words "Walk" or "Don't Walk" or the symbols of a walking person, symbolizing "Walk", or an upraised hand, symbolizing "Don't Walk" are in place, such signals must indicate as follows:

1. "Walk": Pedestrians facing such signal indication may proceed across the roadway in the direction of the signal indication and must be given the right of way by the drivers of all vehicles.
2. "Don't Walk" (steadily illuminated): ~~No~~ A pedestrian may not start to cross the roadway in the direction of such signal, but any pedestrian who has partially completed crossing on the walk signal shall proceed to a sidewalk or safety island while the "Don't Walk" signal is showing indication.
3. "Don't Walk" (flashing): A pedestrian may not start to cross the roadway in the direction of the indication, but any pedestrian who has partially completed a crossing during the "Walk" signal must proceed in the direction of the indication to a sidewalk or safety island.

**SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Section 39-10-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

**39-10-07. Flashing signals.**

1. Whenever an illuminated flashing red or yellow light is used in a traffic signal or with a traffic sign, it requires obedience by vehicular traffic as follows:
  - a. Flashing red (stop ~~signal~~ indication). When a red lens is illuminated with rapid intermittent flashes, drivers of vehicles shall stop at a clearly marked stop line, or, if none, before entering the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection, or, if none, then at the point nearest the intersecting roadway where the driver has a view of

- approaching traffic on the intersecting roadway before entering it, and the right to proceed is subject to the rules applicable after making a stop at a stop sign.
- b. Flashing yellow (~~caution signal~~ indication). When a yellow lens is illuminated with rapid intermittent flashes, drivers of vehicles may proceed through the intersection or past such ~~signal~~ indication only with caution.
  - c. Flashing red arrow and flashing yellow arrow indications have the same meaning as the corresponding flashing circular indications, except that they apply only to drivers of vehicles intending to make the movement indicated by the arrow.
2. This section does not apply at railroad grade crossings. Conduct of drivers of vehicles approaching railroad grade crossings is governed by the requirements set forth in section 39-10-41.

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Speaker of the House

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Secretary of the Senate

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Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Fifty-sixth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2184.

Senate Vote:    Yeas    49        Nays    0        Absent    0

House Vote:    Yeas    97        Nays    0        Absent    1

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Secretary of the Senate

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Governor

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