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HOUSE BILL 19-1072

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

McKean,

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

(None),

House Committees

Transportation & Local Government

Senate Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING A REQUIREMENT THAT A TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL**
102 **CYCLE YELLOW BEFORE CYCLING GREEN TO INDICATE TO**
103 **TRAFFIC FACING THE SIGNAL THAT MOVEMENT WILL SOON**
104 **COMMENCE.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

Under current law, a traffic control signal is required to cycle yellow before cycling red to indicate to vehicles and pedestrians facing the signal that movement in that direction is being terminated. The bill

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would require a traffic control signal to cycle yellow before cycling green as well to indicate to vehicles and pedestrians facing the signal that movement in that direction will soon commence.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-4-604, **amend** (1)
3 introductory portion and (1)(b) as follows:

4 **42-4-604. Traffic control signal legend.** (1) If traffic is
5 controlled by traffic control signals exhibiting different colored lights, or
6 colored lighted arrows, successively one at a time or in combination as
7 declared in the traffic control manual adopted by the department of
8 transportation, only the colors green, yellow, and red shall be used, except
9 for special pedestrian-control signals carrying a word or symbol legend
10 as provided in section 42-4-802, and ~~said~~ THE lights, arrows, and
11 combinations ~~thereof shall~~ OF LIGHTS AND ARROWS MUST indicate and
12 apply to drivers of vehicles and pedestrians as follows:

13 (b) Steady yellow OR STEADY YELLOW ARROW indication:

14 (I) (A) Vehicular traffic facing a steady circular yellow or STEADY
15 yellow arrow signal ~~is thereby~~ THAT WAS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDED BY A
16 STEADY CIRCULAR GREEN OR GREEN ARROW SIGNAL IS warned that the
17 related green movement is being terminated or that a red indication will
18 be exhibited immediately thereafter; OR

19 (B) VEHICULAR TRAFFIC FACING A STEADY CIRCULAR YELLOW OR
20 STEADY YELLOW ARROW SIGNAL THAT WAS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDED BY
21 A STEADY CIRCULAR RED OR RED ARROW SIGNAL IS ALERTED THAT THE
22 RELATED RED INDICATION IS BEING TERMINATED AND GREEN MOVEMENT
23 WILL BEGIN IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER; AND

24 (II) Pedestrians facing a steady circular yellow or STEADY yellow

1 arrow signal, unless otherwise directed by a pedestrian-control signal as
2 provided in section 42-4-802, are ~~thereby~~ advised:

3 (A) IF THE STEADY CIRCULAR YELLOW OR STEADY YELLOW ARROW
4 SIGNAL IS PRECEDED BY A STEADY CIRCULAR GREEN OR GREEN ARROW
5 SIGNAL, that there is insufficient time to cross the roadway before a red
6 indication is shown, and ~~no~~ A pedestrian shall NOT then start to cross the
7 roadway; OR

8 (B) IF THE STEADY CIRCULAR YELLOW OR STEADY YELLOW ARROW
9 SIGNAL IS PRECEDED BY A STEADY CIRCULAR RED OR RED ARROW SIGNAL,
10 THAT THE TIME TO CROSS THE ROADWAY WILL SOON COMMENCE.

11 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
12 takes effect July 1, 2023; except that, if a referendum petition is filed
13 pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this
14 act or an item, section, or part of this act within the ninety-day period
15 after final adjournment of the general assembly, then the act, item,
16 section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the
17 general election to be held in November 2020 and, in such case, will take
18 effect July 1, 2023.