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**SENATE BILL 19-144**

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HOUSE  
Amended 3rd Reading  
April 9, 2019

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING ALLOWING A DRIVER OF A MOTORCYCLE TO PROCEED**  
102 **PAST A MALFUNCTIONING TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL.**

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HOUSE  
2nd Reading Unamended  
April 8, 2019

**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>.)*

SENATE  
3rd Reading Unamended  
March 25, 2019

The bill allows a driver of a motorcycle to proceed past a traffic control signal that is inoperative, that remains on steady red or steady yellow for 2 minutes or more, or that fails to recognize the motorcycle for 2 minutes or more.

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SENATE  
Amended 2nd Reading  
March 22, 2019

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.*  
*Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-4-612, **amend** (1)  
3 as follows:

4 **42-4-612. When signals are inoperative or malfunctioning.**

5 (1)(a) ~~Whenever~~ WHEN a driver approaches an intersection and faces a  
6 traffic control signal which THAT is inoperative, or which THAT remains  
7 on steady red or steady yellow during several time cycles, OR THAT DOES  
8 NOT RECOGNIZE A MOTORCYCLE THAT IS OPERATED BY THE DRIVER, the  
9 rules PROVISIONS controlling entrance to a through street or highway from  
10 a stop street SIGN or highway, as provided under section 42-4-703, shall  
11 apply until a police officer assumes control of traffic or until THE TRAFFIC  
12 CONTROL SIGNAL RESUMES normal operation. ~~is resumed.~~

13 (b) ~~In the event that any~~ IF A traffic control signal at a place other  
14 ~~than an~~ intersection should cease CEASES to operate or should malfunction  
15 ~~as set forth in this section~~ MALFUNCTIONS AS SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION  
16 (1)(a) OF THIS SECTION, drivers may proceed through PAST the inoperative  
17 ~~or malfunctioning~~ signal only with caution, as if the signal were one of  
18 flashing yellow.

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20 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
21 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
22 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August  
23 2, 2019, if adjournment sine die is on May 3, 2019); except that, if a  
24 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the  
25 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act  
26 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect  
27 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in

- 1 November 2020 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
- 2 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.