

## CHAPTER 126

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**MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC REGULATION**


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## SENATE BILL 19-144

BY SENATOR(S) Zenzinger, Bridges, Cooke, Court, Crowder, Fields, Gardner, Hill, Hisey, Holbert, Lundeen, Marble, Priola, Rankin, Scott, Smallwood, Sonnenberg, Tate, Todd, Woodward;  
 also REPRESENTATIVE(S) Roberts, Baisley, Benavidez, Bockenfeld, Buentello, Gray, Hansen, Humphrey, Liston, Ransom, Saine, Soper, Titone, Van Winkle.

## AN ACT

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

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

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

**42-4-612. When signals are inoperative or malfunctioning.** (1) (a) ~~Whenever~~ **When** a driver approaches an intersection and faces a traffic control signal ~~which~~ **that** is inoperative, ~~or which~~ **or** ~~that~~ remains on steady red or steady yellow during several time cycles, ~~or that does not recognize a motorcycle that is operated by the driver, the rules~~ **PROVISIONS** controlling entrance to a through street or highway from a stop ~~street~~ **sign** or highway, as provided under section 42-4-703, ~~shall~~ **apply** until a police officer assumes control of traffic or until ~~the~~ **TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL** resumes normal operation. ~~is resumed.~~

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

**SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August 2, 2019, if adjournment sine die is on May 3, 2019); except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of

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this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in November 2020 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

Approved: April 23, 2019