

HOUSE BILL 437

By Hill

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55,
Chapter 8, relative to right turns on red signals.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-8-110(a)(3)(A), is amended by deleting the language:

"A right turn on a red signal shall be permitted at all intersections within the state; provided, that the prospective turning car shall come to a full and complete stop before turning and that the turning car shall yield the right-of-way to pedestrians and cross traffic traveling in accordance with their traffic signal; provided, further, such turn will not endanger other traffic lawfully using the intersection."

and by substituting instead the following language:

"A right turn on a red signal shall be permitted at all intersections within the state; provided, that the prospective turning car shall yield the right-of-way to pedestrians and cross traffic traveling in accordance with their traffic signal; provided, further, the turn will not endanger other traffic lawfully using the intersection. For the purposes of this subdivision, "yield the right-of-way" means that when a vehicle is approaching an intersection and the driver thereof has the intention of making a right turn on a red signal, the vehicle must stop and wait when other vehicles are approaching from the left or right on the other roadway or pedestrians have entered or are about to enter the crosswalk or roadway; provided, however, if the driver is certain no other vehicles or pedestrians are approaching, the driver need not come to a complete stop, but must slow down while entering the intersection and make the right turn on red with caution.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011, the public welfare requiring it.