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VEHICLE ACCIDENT LIABILITY AMENDMENTS

2024 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Andrew Stoddard

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3 **LONG TITLE**

4 **General Description:**

5 This bill clarifies that a vehicle operator intending to turn left is not required to yield the
6 right-of-way to a vehicle operator approaching from the opposite direction that fails to stop
7 when required by a stop sign or steady red signal.

8 **Highlighted Provisions:**

9 This bill:

- 10 ▶ clarifies that a vehicle operator intending to turn left is not required to yield the
- 11 right-of-way to a vehicle operator approaching from the opposite direction that fails to stop
- 12 when required by a stop sign or steady red signal at the intersection; and
- 13 ▶ makes technical changes.

14 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

15 None

16 **Other Special Clauses:**

17 None

18 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

19 AMENDS:

20 **41-6a-903**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2015, Chapter 412

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22 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

23 Section 1. Section **41-6a-903** is amended to read:

24 **41-6a-903 . Yield right-of-way -- Vehicle turning left -- Entering or crossing**
25 **highway other than from another roadway -- Merging lanes.**

26 (1) The operator of a vehicle:

- 27 (a) except as provided in Subsection (2), intending to turn to the left shall yield the
- 28 right-of-way to any vehicle operator approaching from the opposite direction which

29 is so close to the turning vehicle operator as to constitute an immediate hazard;
30 (b) about to enter or cross a highway from any place other than another highway shall
31 yield the right-of-way to all [~~vehicles~~] vehicle operators approaching on the highway
32 to be entered or crossed; and
33 (c) traveling in a lane that is about to merge into a continuing lane, shall yield the
34 right-of-way to all [~~vehicles~~] vehicle operators traveling in the continuing lane and
35 which are so close as to be an immediate hazard.

36 (2) The operator of a vehicle intending to turn to the left at an intersection is not required to
37 yield the right-of-way to a vehicle operator approaching from the opposite direction if
38 the vehicle operator approaching from the opposite direction fails to stop when required
39 to stop by a stop sign or steady red signal at that intersection.

40 [~~(2)~~] (3) A violation of Subsection (1) is an infraction.

41 Section 2. **Effective date.**

42 This bill takes effect on May 1, 2024.