

Legislative Bill Drafting Commission  
15953-01-6

S. -----  
Senate  
-----

IN SENATE--Introduced by Sen

--read twice and ordered printed,  
and when printed to be committed  
to the Committee on

----- A.  
Assembly  
-----

IN ASSEMBLY--Introduced by M. of A.

with M. of A. as co-sponsors

--read once and referred to the  
Committee on

**\*VEHITRLA\***  
(Relates to yellow signals at traf-  
fic intersections)

-----

V & T L. yellow light signals

AN ACT

to amend the vehicle and traffic  
law, in relation to yellow signals  
at traffic intersections

The People of the State of New  
York, represented in Senate and  
Assembly, do enact as follows:

IN SENATE

Senate introducer's signature

The senators whose names are circled below wish to join me in the sponsorship  
of this proposal:

s15 Addabbo	s31 Espaillat	s27 Hoylman	s25 Montgomery	s56 Robach
s52 Akshar	s49 Farley	s09 Kaminsky	s40 Murphy	s10 Sanders
s46 Amedore	s17 Felder	s63 Kennedy	s54 Nozzolio	s23 Savino
s11 Avella	s02 Flanagan	s34 Klein	s58 O'Mara	s41 Serino
s42 Bonacic	s55 Funke	s28 Krueger	s62 Ortt	s29 Serrano
s04 Boyle	s59 Gallivan	s24 Lanza	s60 Panepinto	s51 Seward
s44 Breslin	s12 Gianaris	s39 Larkin	s21 Parker	s26 Squadron
s38 Carlucci	s22 Golden	s37 Latimer	s13 Peralta	s16 Stavisky
s14 Comrie	s47 Griffo	s01 LaValle	s30 Perkins	s35 Stewart- Cousins
s03 Croci	s20 Hamilton	s45 Little	s19 Persaud	
s50 DeFrancisco	s06 Hannon	s05 Marcellino	s61 Ranzenhofer	s53 Valesky
s32 Diaz	s36 Hassell- Thompson	s43 Marchione	s48 Ritchie	s08 Venditto
s18 Dilan		s07 Martins	s33 Rivera	s57 Young

IN ASSEMBLY

Assembly introducer's signature

The Members of the Assembly whose names are circled below wish to join me in the  
multi-sponsorship of this proposal:

a049 Abbate	a034 DenDekker	a011 Jean-Pierre	a003 Murray	a076 Seawright
a092 Abinanti	a054 Dilan	a135 Johns	a133 Nojay	a087 Sepulveda
a084 Arroyo	a081 Dinowitz	a077 Joyner	a037 Nolan	a027 Simanowitz
a035 Aubry	a147 DiPietro	a094 Katz	a130 Oaks	a052 Simon
a120 Barclay	a115 Duprey	a074 Kavanagh	a069 O'Donnell	a036 Simotas
a106 Barrett	a004 Englebright	a142 Kearns	a051 Ortiz	a104 Skartados
a060 Barron	a109 Fahy	a040 Kim	a091 Otis	a099 Skoufis
a082 Benedetto	a071 Farrell	a131 Kolb	a132 Palmesano	a022 Solages
a042 Bichotte	a126 Finch	a105 Lalor	a002 Palumbo	a114 Stec
a079 Blake	a008 Fitzpatrick	a013 Lavine	a088 Paulin	a110 Steck
a117 Blankenbush	a124 Friend	a134 Lawrence	a141 Peoples-	a127 Stirpe
a098 Brabenec	a095 Galef	a050 Lentol	Stokes	a112 Tedisco
a026 Braunstein	a137 Gantt	a125 Lifton	a058 Perry	a101 Tenney
a044 Brennan	a007 Garbarino	a072 Linares	a086 Pichardo	a001 Thiele
a119 Brindisi	a148 Giglio	a102 Lopez	a089 Pretlow	a061 Titone
a138 Bronson	a080 Gjonaj	a123 Lupardo	a073 Quart	a031 Titus
a093 Buchwald	a066 Glick	a010 Lupinacci	a019 Ra	a055 Walker
a118 Butler	a023 Goldfeder	a121 Magee	a012 Raia	a146 Walter
a103 Cahill	a150 Goodell	a129 Magnarelli	a006 Ramos	a041 Weinstein
a065 Cancel	a075 Gottfried	a064 Malliotakis	a043 Richardson	a024 Weprin
a062 Castorina	a005 Graf	a030 Markey	a078 Rivera	a059 Williams
a145 Ceretto	a100 Gunther	a090 Mayer	a056 Robinson	a113 Woerner
a047 Colton	a046 Harris	a108 McDonald	a068 Rodriguez	a143 Wozniak
a032 Cook	a139 Hawley	a014 McDonough	a067 Rosenthal	a070 Wright
a144 Corwin	a083 Heastie	a017 McKevitt	a025 Rozic	a096 Zebrowski
a085 Crespo	a028 Hevesi	a107 McLaughlin	a116 Russell	a020
a122 Crouch	a048 Hikind	a038 Miller	a149 Ryan	a033
a021 Curran	a018 Hooper	a015 Montesano	a009 Saladino	
a063 Cusick	a128 Hunter	a136 Morelle	a111 Santabarbara	
a045 Cymbrowitz	a029 Hyndman	a057 Mosley	a016 Schimel	
a053 Davila	a097 Jaffee	a039 Moya	a140 Schimminger	

1) Single House Bill (introduced and printed separately in either or  
both houses). Uni-Bill (introduced simultaneously in both houses and printed  
as one bill. Senate and Assembly introducer sign the same copy of the bill).

2) Circle names of co-sponsors and return to introduction clerk with 2  
signed copies of bill and 4 copies of memorandum in support (single house);  
or 4 signed copies of bill and 8 copies of memorandum  
in support (uni-bill).

1 Section 1. Paragraphs 1 and 2 of subdivision (b) of section 1111 of  
2 the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by chapter 356 of the laws of  
3 1971, are amended to read as follows:

4 1. Traffic, except pedestrians, facing a steady circular yellow signal  
5 may enter the intersection; however, said traffic is thereby warned that  
6 the related green movement is being terminated or that a red indication  
7 will be exhibited [immediately] four seconds thereafter.

8 2. Traffic, except pedestrians, facing a steady yellow arrow signal  
9 may cautiously enter the intersection only to complete the movement  
10 indicated by such arrow or make such other movement as is permitted by  
11 other indications shown at the same time; however, said traffic is  
12 thereby warned that the related green arrow movement is being terminated  
13 or that a red indication will be exhibited [immediately] four seconds  
14 thereafter.

15 § 2. Subdivision (c) of section 1681 of the vehicle and traffic law,  
16 as amended by chapter 689 of the laws of 1985, the opening paragraph as  
17 amended by chapter 560 of the laws of 2006, is amended to read as  
18 follows:

19 (c) 1. Except as otherwise provided the cost of providing, erecting,  
20 maintaining and removing traffic-control devices ordered by the depart-  
21 ment of transportation shall be paid from any moneys available for the  
22 maintenance, repair or reconstruction of state highways upon vouchers  
23 approved by the department of transportation. However, the work of  
24 providing, erecting and removing such traffic-control devices may be  
25 performed by contract in the same manner as provided for state highways  
26 in article three of the highway law, or, by the use of department of  
27 transportation forces and equipment and all materials purchased there-  
28 for, or by a combination of such methods, and the cost of such work may

1 be paid from such moneys available for the construction of state high-  
2 ways. Except as herein provided, nothing shall be paid from such moneys  
3 for providing, erecting or maintaining traffic-control signals or flash-  
4 ing signals used in connection with regulating traffic upon a highway  
5 under the jurisdiction of the department of transportation at entrances  
6 to private property, and nothing shall be paid from such moneys for  
7 maintaining traffic-control signals or flashing signals used in  
8 connection with regulating traffic upon a highway under the jurisdiction  
9 of the department of transportation at entrances to schools. Upon deter-  
10 mination by the department of transportation of the need for such a  
11 signal, the department of transportation may permit any person, firm,  
12 association, corporation or public body to provide and erect such signal  
13 in accordance with standards and specifications established by the  
14 department of transportation. The department of transportation may  
15 require that some or all of the control equipment used in the signal  
16 construction be supplied by the state to ensure equipment quality and  
17 compatibility with state practices and the cost of such furnished equip-  
18 ment shall be reimbursed to the state by the party receiving permission  
19 to provide and erect the signal.

20 2. All signals erected on or after the first day of April, nineteen  
21 hundred eighty-six with permission of the department of transportation  
22 and in accordance with the standards and specifications established by  
23 the department of transportation shall be maintained by the state. The  
24 party which erected such signals shall pay the state an annual fee to be  
25 determined by the commissioner of transportation. Such fees shall cover  
26 the cost of normal signal maintenance, but shall not include the cost of  
27 electrical energy or major modifications or replacements which shall  
28 remain the responsibility of the party which erected the signal. The

1 department of transportation may, in its discretion, agree to assume the  
2 same maintenance responsibility for signals erected with the permission  
3 of the department of transportation prior to the first day of April,  
4 nineteen hundred eighty-six, if the department of transportation deter-  
5 mines that such signal substantially meets established standards and is  
6 in a satisfactory state of repair. The party which erected such signals  
7 shall also pay the state an annual fee which shall be calculated in the  
8 same manner as fees for signals erected on or after the first day of  
9 April, nineteen hundred eighty-six. The department of transportation  
10 shall further ensure that all traffic-control signals in its jurisdic-  
11 tion shall be examined and certified to be accurate every two years.

12 3. No such traffic signal or flashing signal erected with permission  
13 of the department of transportation shall be removed except with the  
14 written consent of the department of transportation.

15 4. The department of transportation shall have the right to revoke its  
16 permission to provide, erect or maintain such a signal and shall have  
17 the right to require that the signal be removed without a hearing or  
18 necessity of showing cause.

19 § 3. Section 1682 of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by chap-  
20 ter 979 of the laws of 1962, is amended to read as follows:

21 § 1682. Local traffic-control devices. Local authorities in their  
22 respective jurisdiction shall: (a) place and maintain such traffic-con-  
23 trol devices, conforming to the state manual and specifications, as they  
24 may deem necessary to indicate and carry out the provisions of this  
25 chapter or local traffic ordinances, orders, rules or regulations or to  
26 regulate, warn, or guide traffic, except that a city having a population  
27 in excess of one million shall conform to the state manual and specifi-  
28 cations only insofar as such local authority in its discretion deems

1 practicable; and (b) ensure that all traffic-control signals are exam-  
2 ined and certified to be accurate every two years.

3 § 4. This act shall take effect immediately.