

House Bill 617

By: Representative Scott of the 2<sup>nd</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 2 of Article 13 of Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia  
2 Annotated, relating to uniform rules of the road for motorcycles, so as to provide for  
3 operation of a motorcycle at an intersection controlled by a traffic-control signal; to provide  
4 for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Part 2 of Article 13 of Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
8 relating to uniform rules of the road for motorcycles, is amended by adding a new Code  
9 section to read as follows:

10 "40-6-317.

11 A driver of a motorcycle approaching an intersection controlled by a traffic-control signal  
12 utilizing a vehicle detection device that is inoperative due to the size of the motorcycle  
13 shall come to a full and complete stop at the intersection in response to a red light and, after  
14 waiting for a reasonable period of time, not less than 20 seconds, for such traffic-control  
15 signal to detect such motorcycle, may proceed with due caution when it is safe to do so.  
16 The driver of any vehicle approaching the intersection which lawfully may enter the  
17 intersection shall have right of way over any motorcycle operator proceeding through a red  
18 light. In the event an accident results after the driver of the motorcycle proceeds into an  
19 intersection on a red light, the driver of the vehicle involved in the accident shall not be  
20 charged with any violation of Code Section 40-6-70, relating to failure to yield right of  
21 way, Code Section 40-6-49, relating to following too closely, or Code Section 40-6-180,  
22 relating to driving too fast for conditions."

23 **SECTION 2.**

24 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.