

The House Committee on Public Safety & Homeland Security offers the following substitute to HB 161:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To create the "Motorcycle Mobility Safety Act"; to amend Article 2 of Chapter 6 of Title 40  
2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to traffic signs, signals, and markings,  
3 so as to provide for the safe operation of a motorcycle or similar lightweight motor vehicle  
4 through a partially inoperative traffic-control signal; to authorize motorcycles to safely  
5 proceed at partially inoperative traffic signals in the same manner as other motor vehicles  
6 proceed through inoperative traffic signals or flashing red signals; to provide for related  
7 matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 SECTION 1.

10 This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Motorcycle Mobility Safety Act."

11 SECTION 2.

12 Article 2 of Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
13 traffic signs, signals, and markings, is amended by revising Code Section 40-6-23, relating  
14 to flashing red or yellow signals, as follows:

15 "40-6-23.

16 Flashing signal indications shall have the following meanings:

- 17 (1) **Flashing red (stop signal)** ==. When a red lens is illuminated with rapid  
18 intermittent flashes, drivers of vehicles shall stop at a clearly marked stop line or, if there  
19 is no stop line, before entering the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection or, if  
20 there is no crosswalk, at the point nearest the intersecting roadway where the driver has  
21 a view of approaching traffic on the intersecting roadway before entering the intersection,  
22 and the right to proceed shall be subject to the rules applicable after making a stop at a  
23 stop sign;

24 (2) **Flashing yellow (caution signal)** ==. When a yellow lens is illuminated with rapid  
 25 intermittent flashes, drivers of vehicles may proceed through the intersection or past such  
 26 signal only with caution; or

27 (3) **Partially inoperative (red signal)**. A driver of a motorcycle or other lightweight  
 28 motor vehicle approaching an intersection controlled by a traffic-control signal with a  
 29 steady red indication shall stop as provided in paragraph (1) of this Code section. If the  
 30 traffic-control signal is inoperative due to the size of the motor vehicle and the driver of  
 31 the motor vehicle has remained stopped for not less than 60 seconds, the driver of the  
 32 motor vehicle may proceed subject to the rules applicable after making a stop at a stop  
 33 sign, as provided for other motor vehicles in paragraph (1) of this Code section. Nothing  
 34 in this paragraph shall in any manner restrict motorcycles or other similar lightweight  
 35 vehicles from making turns as already authorized for all motor vehicles in paragraph (3)  
 36 of subsection (a) of Code Section 40-6-21."

37 **SECTION 3.**

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