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Final Analysis

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ACT SUMMARY

- Requires a vehicle operator at an intersection where the traffic control signal is malfunctioning (including the failure of a vehicle detector to detect the vehicle) to follow the procedures that apply when a signal fails to assign the right-of-way.
- Requires the operator of a vehicle that is passing a bicycle to pass at a distance of three feet or greater.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Malfunctioning traffic control signals

The act requires a vehicle operator who is at an intersection where the traffic control signal is malfunctioning, including when there is a failure of a vehicle detector to detect the vehicle, to follow the procedures that apply when a traffic control signal fails to clearly indicate the assignment of the right-of-way.¹ Those procedures require the vehicle operator to do all of the following:

* This version updates the effective date.

¹ R.C. 4511.132(A).

(1) Stop at the stop line; if there is no stop line, stop before entering the near crosswalk; if there is no near crosswalk, stop before entering the intersection;

(2) Yield the right-of-way to all vehicles in the intersection or approaching on an intersecting road if they will constitute an immediate hazard during the time the operator will move across or will be within the intersection or junction of roadways; and

(3) Exercise ordinary care while proceeding through the intersection.²

Passing distance to the left when a motor vehicle passes a bicycle

The act requires the operator of a vehicle that is overtaking and passing a bicycle to provide a safe passing distance to the left of the bicycle of three feet or greater. With respect to the safe passing distance for all other vehicles, the act retains the general requirement that a vehicle operator pass another vehicle traveling in the same direction "to the left...at a safe distance."³

HISTORY

ACTION	DATE
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² R.C. 4511.132(A)(1) to (3).

³ R.C. 4511.27(A)(1).

