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CROSS REFERENCES

See sectional histories for similar State law.

Authority to regulate the turning of vehicles—see WV Code 17C-2-8(a)(9)

Authority to specify different courses for turns—see WV Code 17C-8-5

308.01 Conformity with provisions required.

The driver of a vehicle intending to turn at an intersection shall do so as provided in this article. (WV Code 17C-8-1. Ord. 2013-01, passed 02-11-2013.) ^[308.01]

308.02 Right turns.

Both the approach for a right turn and a right turn shall be made as close as practicable to the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway. (WV Code 17C-8-2. Ord. 2013-01, passed 02-11-2013.) ^[308.02]

308.03 Left turns on two-way roadways.

At any intersection where traffic is permitted to move in both directions on each roadway entering the intersection, an approach for a left turn shall be made in that portion of the right half of the roadway nearest the centerline thereof and by passing to the right of such centerline where it enters the intersection and after entering the intersection the left turn shall be made so as to leave the intersection to the right of the centerline of the roadway being entered. Whenever practicable the left turn shall be made in that portion of the intersection to the left of the center of the intersection. (WV Code 17C-8-3. Ord. 2013-01, passed 02-11-2013.) ^[308.03]

308.04 Left turns on other than two-way roadways.

At any intersection where traffic is restricted to one direction on one or more of the roadways, the driver of a vehicle intending to turn left at any such intersection shall approach the intersection in the extreme left-hand lane lawfully available to traffic moving in the direction of travel of such vehicle and after entering the intersection the left turn shall be made so as to leave the intersection, as nearly as practicable, in the left-hand lane lawfully available to traffic moving in such direction upon the roadway being entered. (WV Code 17C-8-4. Ord.

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308.05 Specified turns at intersections.

Council or other designated traffic authority may cause markers, buttons or signs to be placed within or adjacent to intersections and thereby require and direct that a different course from that specified in this article be traveled by vehicles turning at an intersection, and when markers, buttons or signs are so placed no driver of a vehicle shall turn a vehicle at an intersection other than as directed and required by such markers, buttons or signs. (WV Code 17C-8-5. Ord. 2013-01, passed 02-11-2013.) ^[308.05]

308.06 U-turns prohibited.

- (a) No vehicle shall be turned so as to proceed in the opposite direction upon any curve, or upon the approach to, or near the crest of a grade, where such vehicle cannot be seen by the driver of any other vehicle approaching from either direction within 500 feet. (WV Code 17C-8-6.)
- (b) No vehicle shall be turned so as to proceed in the opposite direction within an intersection, or upon any street in a business district, or upon a freeway, expressway or controlled-access highway, or where authorized signs are erected to prohibit such movement, or at any other location unless such movement can be made with reasonable safety to other users of the street and without interfering with the safe operation of any traffic that may be affected by such movement. (Ord. 2013-01, passed 02-11-2013.) ^[308.06]

308.07 Starting vehicle.

No person shall start a vehicle which is stopped, standing or parked unless and until such movement can be made with reasonable safety. (WV Code 17C-8-7. Ord. 2013-01, passed 02-11-2013.) ^[308.07]

308.08 Signals before changing course, turning or stopping.

- (a) No person shall turn a vehicle at an intersection unless the vehicle is in proper position upon the roadway as required in Sections 308.02 to 308.05, or turn a vehicle to enter a private road or driveway or otherwise turn a vehicle from a direct course or move right or left upon a roadway unless and until such movement can be made with reasonable safety. No person shall so such movement may affect turn any vehicle without giving an appropriate signal in the manner hereinafter provided in the event any other traffic.
- (b) A signal of intention to turn right or left when required shall be given continuously during not less than the last 100 feet traveled by the vehicle before turning.
- (c) No person shall stop or suddenly decrease the speed of a vehicle without first giving an appropriate signal in the manner provided herein to the driver of any vehicle immediately to the rear when there is opportunity to give such signal. (WV Code 17C-8-8. Ord. 2013-01, passed 02-11-2013.) ^[308.08]

308.09 Signals to be given by hand and arm or signal device.

Any stop or turn signal when required herein shall be given either by means of the hand and arm or by a signal lamp or lamps or mechanical signal device, but when a vehicle is so constructed or loaded that hand-and-arm signal would not be visible both to the front and rear

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of such vehicle then such signals must be given by such a lamp or lamps or signal device. (WV Code 17C-8-9. Ord. 2013-01, passed 02-11-2013.) ^[308.09]

308.10 Hand and arm signals.

All signals herein required given by hand and arm shall be given from the left side of the vehicle in the following manner and such signals shall indicate as follows:

- (a) Left Turn: Hand and arm extended horizontally.
- (b) Right Turn: Hand and arm extended upward.
- (c) Stop or decrease speed: Hand and arm extended downward. (WV Code 17C-8-10. Ord. 2013-01, passed 02-11-2013.) ^[308.10]

308.99 Penalty.

Whoever violates any provision of this article shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00); upon a second conviction within one year thereafter shall be fined not more than two hundred dollars (\$200.00); and upon a third or subsequent conviction, shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00).

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