

SB 368 -- TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS

SPONSOR: Stouffer (Jones, 117)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Committee on Crime Prevention by a vote of 10 to 0.

This bill creates an affirmative defense for a motorcycle rider who enters or crosses an intersection controlled by a traffic signal against a red light if the motorcycle has been brought to a complete stop, the traffic signal shows a red light for an unreasonable time, the traffic signal is apparently malfunctioning, and no motor vehicle or person is approaching or is so far away that it does not constitute an immediate hazard.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2010, FY 2011, and FY 2012.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill provides an affirmative defense for a motorcycle operator in certain situations involving running a red traffic light.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Jones (117) for Senator Stouffer.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.