

SB 397 – AS INTRODUCED

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SENATE BILL **397**

AN ACT relative to vehicle operation when a traffic control signal is inoperative.

SPONSORS: Sen. Lambert, Dist 13

COMMITTEE: Transportation

ANALYSIS

This bill provides that a driver must come to a stop when approaching an intersection controlled by a traffic control signal that is inoperative.

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Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struck through.~~]
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twelve

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 New Paragraph; Obedience to Traffic Signals; Inoperative Signal. Amend RSA 265:9 by
2 inserting after paragraph IV the following new paragraph:

3 V. The driver of any vehicle approaching an intersection that is controlled by a traffic control
4 signal that is inoperative because of mechanical failure or accident shall come to a full and complete
5 stop at the intersection, and may proceed with due caution when it is safe to do so; provided, that if 2
6 or more vehicles enter such an intersection from different directions at approximately the same time,
7 after having come to full and complete stops, the driver of the vehicle on the left shall yield the right-
8 of-way to the vehicle on the right. A traffic-control signal shall not be considered inoperative if the
9 signal is operating in flashing mode. If a signal is operating in flashing mode, it shall require
10 obedience by vehicular traffic pursuant to RSA 265:12.

11 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2013.