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AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; requiring a driver of a motor vehicle to stop in obedience to the direction or traffic control signal of a school crossing guard; prohibiting the driver from proceeding until the highway is clear of all persons; authorizing portable signs designating a school zone to be placed on a roadway during certain hours; providing a penalty; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Chapter 484 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. The driver of a vehicle:

(a) Shall stop in obedience to the direction or traffic-control signal of a school crossing guard; and

(b) Shall not proceed until the highway is clear of all persons, including, without limitation, the school crossing guard.

2. A person who violates any of the provisions of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor.

3. As used in this section, “school crossing guard” means a volunteer or paid employee of a local authority, local law enforcement agency or school district whose duties include assisting pupils to cross a highway.

Sec. 2. NRS 484.325 is hereby amended to read as follows:

484.325 Except as *otherwise* provided in NRS 484.327 and 484.328 ~~and~~ ***and section 1 of this act:***

1. When official traffic-control devices are not in place or not in operation the driver of a vehicle shall yield the right-of-way, slowing down or stopping if need be so to yield, to a pedestrian crossing the highway within a crosswalk when the pedestrian is upon the half of the highway upon which the vehicle is traveling, or when the pedestrian is approaching so closely from the opposite half of the highway as to be in danger.

2. A pedestrian shall not suddenly leave a curb or other place of safety and walk or run into the path of a vehicle which is so close that it is impossible for the driver to yield.

3. Whenever a vehicle is stopped at a marked crosswalk or at an unmarked crosswalk at an intersection, the driver of any other vehicle approaching from the rear shall not overtake and pass the stopped vehicle until the driver has determined that the vehicle being overtaken was not stopped for the purpose of permitting a pedestrian to cross the highway.

4. Whenever signals exhibiting the words "Walk" or "Don't Walk" are in place, such signals indicate as follows:

(a) While the "Walk" indication is illuminated, pedestrians facing the signal may proceed across the highway in the direction of the signal and must be given the right-of-way by the drivers of all vehicles.

(b) While the "Don't Walk" indication is illuminated, either steady or flashing, a pedestrian shall not start to cross the highway in the direction of the signal, but any pedestrian who has partially completed his crossing during the "Walk" indication shall proceed to a sidewalk, or to a safety zone if one is provided.

(c) Whenever the word "Wait" still appears in a signal, the indication has the same meaning as assigned in this section to the "Don't Walk" indication.

(d) Whenever a signal system provides a signal phase for the stopping of all vehicular traffic and the exclusive movement of pedestrians, and "Walk" and "Don't Walk" indications control pedestrian movement, pedestrians may cross in any direction between corners of the intersection offering the shortest route within the boundaries of the intersection when the "Walk" indication is exhibited, and when signals and other official traffic-control devices direct pedestrian movement in the manner provided in this section and in NRS 484.283.

Sec. 3. NRS 484.3665 is hereby amended to read as follows:

484.3665 1. Each permanent sign which designates a school zone or school crossing zone and the speed limit in that zone must be uniform in size and color and must clearly designate the hours during which the speed limit applies.

2. Each portable sign designating a school zone or school crossing zone and the speed limit in the zone must be uniform in size and color. A portable sign may be placed *on or* beside a roadway only during those hours when pupils are arriving at and leaving regularly scheduled school sessions.

Sec. 4. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2003.