



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 966

January Session, 2009

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AN ACT PROHIBITING BLOCKING THE BOX.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2009*) (a) No operator of a
2 motor vehicle shall proceed into an intersection that has been
3 designated, posted and marked by a municipality in accordance with
4 subsection (b) of this section, except when making a turn, unless there
5 is sufficient space on the opposite side of the intersection to
6 accommodate such motor vehicle without obstructing the passage of
7 other vehicles or pedestrians, notwithstanding the indication of a
8 traffic control signal that would permit such operator to proceed into
9 the intersection.

10 (b) Any municipality having a population of more than fifty
11 thousand persons may, by ordinance, designate one or more
12 intersections within that municipality to which the provisions of
13 subsection (a) of this section shall apply. The municipality shall (1)
14 post signs at each such designated intersection indicating that blocking
15 the intersection is prohibited and violators are subject to a fine, and (2)
16 mark, in white paint, the boundary of such intersection with a line not
17 less than one-foot in width and the area within such boundary line
18 with parallel diagonal lines not less than one-foot in width.

19 (c) Any person who violates the provisions of subsection (a) of this
20 section shall have committed an infraction.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2009</i>	New section
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