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SENATE BILL 17-059

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SENATE SPONSORSHIP

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Senate Committees

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House Committees

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING AN EXEMPTION FROM THE RULE REQUIRING A VEHICLE  
102 TO SIGNAL AN INTENTION TO LEAVE THE CURRENT LANE OF  
103 TRAVEL WHEN USING A ROUNDABOUT.

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Bill Summary

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)*

Currently, a person must signal an intention to turn before turning or changing lanes while driving a vehicle. The bill exempts motor vehicles that are using a roundabout unless otherwise posted.

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Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.*  
*Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-1-102, **amend** the  
3 introductory portion; and **add** (85.5) as follows:

4 **42-1-102. Definitions.** As used in articles 1 to 4 of this ~~title~~ TITLE  
5 42, unless the context otherwise requires:

6 (85.5) "ROUNDAABOUT" MEANS A CIRCULAR INTERSECTION WHERE  
7 ROAD TRAFFIC SLOWS AND FLOWS IN ONE DIRECTION AROUND A CENTRAL  
8 ISLAND BEFORE EXITING ONTO ONE OF THE CONNECTING ROADS.

9 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-4-903, **amend** (1),  
10 (2), and (4) as follows:

11 **42-4-903. Turning movements and required signals.** (1) ~~No~~ A  
12 person shall NOT turn a vehicle at an intersection unless the vehicle is in  
13 proper position upon the roadway as required in section 42-4-901, or turn  
14 a vehicle to enter a private road or driveway, or otherwise turn a vehicle  
15 from a direct course or move right or left upon a roadway unless and until  
16 such movement can be made with reasonable safety and then only after  
17 giving an appropriate signal in the manner provided in sections 42-4-608  
18 and 42-4-609; EXCEPT THAT A PERSON NEED NOT USE A TURN SIGNAL  
19 WHEN DRIVING A VEHICLE UPON ENTERING, NAVIGATING, OR EXITING A  
20 ROUNDAABOUT UNLESS OTHERWISE POSTED.

21 (2) ~~A signal of intention to turn right or left~~ PERSON shall be given  
22 SIGNAL continuously during not less than the last one hundred feet  
23 traveled by the vehicle before turning in urban or metropolitan areas ~~and~~  
24 ~~shall be given~~ OR continuously for at least two hundred feet on all  
25 four-lane highways and other highways where the prima facie or posted  
26 speed limit is more than forty miles per hour; ~~Such signals shall be given~~  
27 ~~regardless of existing~~ EXCEPT THAT A PERSON NEED NOT USE A TURN

1 SIGNAL UPON ENTERING, NAVIGATING, OR EXITING A ROUNDABOUT UNLESS  
2 OTHERWISE POSTED. Weather conditions DO NOT CHANGE THE SIGNAL  
3 REQUIREMENTS.

4 (4) A PERSON SHALL USE the signals provided for in section  
5 42-4-608 (2) ~~shall be used~~ to indicate an intention to turn, change lanes,  
6 or start from a parked position; ~~and~~ EXCEPT THAT:

7 (a) A PERSON shall not ~~be flashed~~ FLASH on one side only on a  
8 parked or disabled vehicle or ~~flashed~~ as a courtesy or "do pass" signal to  
9 operators of other vehicles approaching from the rear; AND

10 (b) A PERSON NEED NOT USE A TURN SIGNAL UPON ENTERING,  
11 NAVIGATING, OR EXITING A ROUNDABOUT UNLESS OTHERWISE POSTED.

12 **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date -**  
13 **applicability.** (1) This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following  
14 the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the  
15 general assembly (August 9, 2017, if adjournment sine die is on May 10,  
16 2017); except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1  
17 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section,  
18 or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part  
19 will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election  
20 to be held in November 2018 and, in such case, will take effect on the  
21 date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

22 (2) This act applies to acts committed on or after the applicable  
23 effective date of this act.