

TITLE 9: VEHICLE CODE
DIVISION 5: RULES OF THE ROAD

§ 5601. Stops.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, it is unlawful for the operator of any vehicle, before entering an intersection, to fail to come to a complete stop within a reasonable distance before entering the intersection, when an official traffic “Stop” sign has been erected in accordance with the provisions of this title.

(b) This section does not apply during the time when a mechanical traffic signal is actually in operation or when a police officer is actually on duty directing traffic at the scene.

(c) This section does not apply to vehicles operating under the direction of the police in the chase or apprehension of suspected violators of the law or persons charged with or suspected of any such violation, nor to fire fighting vehicles while responding to a fire alarm, nor to ambulances while traveling in emergencies, but the above emergencies do not protect the operator of any emergency vehicle from an unnecessary disregard of the safety of other persons or vehicles upon the highways.

Source: PL 3-61, § 1 (§ 541).

Commission Comment: This article, formerly codified as chapter 6 of this division, was recodified as the first article of chapter 6 by PL 8-35, § 4.