

## Traffic Safety Policy Priority: Yield for Pedestrians to Stop for Pedestrians

### Description:

Nevada law requires a driver to yield to a pedestrian in a marked or unmarked crosswalk while the pedestrian is on their half of the road or if approaching in a manner which could be unsafe (NRS 484B.283). If a driver passes through the crosswalk while the person walking is still on his half of the road, or entire road if no center divider is present, that driver will be ticketed if an officer sees them for failure to yield to a pedestrian. Our law is classified as a yield to pedestrians' law and all signage in the state for pedestrians reinforces this, as do the pavement markings. The yield to pedestrians gives drivers the idea they can proceed one the walker is no longer in their lane. Changing our law to STOP for pedestrians clarifies that you must stop.

Even saying to drivers that "In Nevada you are required to stop for pedestrians" has far more weight than "you must yield to walkers".

### Data to Support:

Currently, ten states require drivers to stop. As one of the worst states for pedestrian fatalities, I believe making our law stronger will equate to saving more lives.

Nebraska 1979

Maryland 1982

Washington 1990

Georgia 1995

Minnesota 1996

Oregon 2003

Hawaii 2005

District of Columbia 2005

Illinois 2010

New Jersey 2015

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### Resources & Reference:

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