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TRAINING BULLETIN

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Assembly Bill 2147

The purpose of this training bulletin is to provide an update as to the authority of peace officers to conduct enforcement stops for "jaywalking" violations.

AB 2147 - Beginning January 1, 2023, a peace officer, as defined, will be prohibited from stopping a pedestrian for specified traffic infractions unless a reasonably careful person would realize there is an immediate danger of collision with a moving vehicle or other device moving exclusively by human power.

The bill will require the Commissioner of the California Highway Patrol, in consultation with the Institute of Transportation Studies at the University of California, to submit a report to the Legislature on or before January 1, 2028, regarding statewide pedestrian-related traffic crash data and any associated impacts to traffic safety, including an evaluation of whether and how the changes made by this bill have impacted pedestrian safety.

In other words, if a jaywalker crosses when it's safe without causing vehicles to slow or stop, then a violation of California Vehicle Code section 21955(a) – Jaywalking, has not occurred.

Click the below link for the effected California Vehicle codes and additional information. https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB2147

Although this is an adjustment in the enforcement of traffic laws, these amendments do not take away a peace officers' authority to enforce the effected traffic violations. It simply requires there to be an immediate danger of collision with a moving vehicle or other device moving exclusively by human power, and that a reasonable person would recognize that danger.