
ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL 2433

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1 AN ACT Relating to proper lane travel for heavy vehicles; and
2 amending RCW 46.61.100.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.61.100 and 1986 c 93 s 2 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) Upon all roadways of sufficient width a vehicle shall be driven
7 upon the right half of the roadway, except as follows:

8 (a) When overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding in the
9 same direction under the rules governing such movement;

10 (b) When an obstruction exists making it necessary to drive to the
11 left of the center of the highway; provided, any person so doing shall
12 yield the right of way to all vehicles traveling in the proper
13 direction upon the unobstructed portion of the highway within such
14 distance as to constitute an immediate hazard;

15 (c) Upon a roadway divided into three marked lanes and providing
16 for two-way movement traffic under the rules applicable thereon; or

17 (d) Upon a street or highway restricted to one-way traffic.

18 (2) Upon all roadways having two or more lanes for traffic moving
19 in the same direction, all vehicles shall be driven in the right-hand

1 lane then available for traffic, except (a) when overtaking and passing
2 another vehicle proceeding in the same direction, (b) when traveling at
3 a speed greater than the traffic flow, (c) when moving left to allow
4 traffic to merge, or (d) when preparing for a left turn at an
5 intersection, exit, or into a private road or driveway when such left
6 turn is legally permitted. On any such roadway, a ~~((motor-truck))~~
7 vehicle or combination over ten thousand pounds shall be driven only in
8 the right-hand lane except under the conditions enumerated in (a)
9 through (d) of this subsection.

10 (3) Other than a vehicle lawfully using a high-occupancy vehicle
11 lane, no vehicle or combination over ten thousand pounds may be driven
12 in the left-hand lane of a roadway having three or more lanes for
13 traffic moving in the same direction except when (a) preparing for a
14 left turn at an intersection, exit, or into a private road or driveway
15 when a left turn is legally permitted, or (b) directed to use the left
16 lane through the use of traffic control devices.

17 (4) It is a traffic infraction to drive continuously in the left
18 lane of a multilane roadway when it impedes the flow of other traffic.

19 ~~((+4))~~ (5) Upon any roadway having four or more lanes for moving
20 traffic and providing for two-way movement of traffic, a vehicle shall
21 not be driven to the left of the center line of the roadway except when
22 authorized by official traffic control devices designating certain
23 lanes to the left side of the center of the roadway for use by traffic
24 not otherwise permitted to use such lanes, or except as permitted under
25 subsection (1)(b) of this section. However, this subsection shall not
26 be construed as prohibiting the crossing of the center line in making
27 a left turn into or from an alley, private road or driveway.

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