

HOUSE BILL 1155

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1            AN ACT Relating to proper lane travel; and amending RCW 46.61.100.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2 (2) Upon all roadways having two (~~or more~~) lanes for traffic  
3 moving in the same direction, all vehicles shall be driven in the  
4 right-hand lane then available for traffic, except (a) when overtaking  
5 and passing another vehicle proceeding in the same direction, (b) when  
6 traveling at a speed greater than the traffic flow, (c) when moving  
7 left to allow traffic to merge, or (d) when preparing for a left turn  
8 at an intersection, exit, or into a private road or driveway when such  
9 left turn is legally permitted. On any such roadway, a (~~motor~~)  
10 truck, truck tractor, or tractor with a licensed gross weight of  
11 twenty-six thousand pounds or more shall be driven only in the  
12 right-hand lane except under the conditions enumerated in (a) through  
13 (d) of this subsection.

14 (3) Upon all roadways having three or more lanes for traffic moving  
15 in the same direction, no truck, truck tractor, or tractor with a  
16 licensed gross weight of twenty-six thousand pounds or more may be  
17 driven in the left lane, except as provided in subsection (2)(d) of  
18 this section.

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

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