THE FLORIDA SENATE 2024 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED

Committee on Transportation

HB 317 — Interstate Safety

by Reps. Persons-Mulicka, Bell, and others (SB 258 by Senator Perry)

The bill prohibits a driver from operating a motor vehicle in the furthermost left-hand lane on a road, street, or highway having two or more lanes allowing movement in the same direction with a posted speed limit of at least 65 miles per hour. A driver may drive in the furthermost left-hand lane when overtaking and passing another vehicle, when preparing to exit the road, street, or highway, or when otherwise directed by an official traffic control device. This provision does not apply to authorized emergency vehicles and vehicles engaged in highway maintenance or construction operations.

A violation is a noncriminal traffic infraction punishable as a moving violation. The statutory base fine is \$60, but with additional fees and charges, the total penalty may be up to \$158.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect January 1, 2025.

Vote: Senate 37-0; House 113-3

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