

By the Committee on Transportation; and Senator Perry

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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to interstate safety; amending s.  
3 316.081, F.S.; defining the term "furthermost left-  
4 hand lane"; prohibiting a driver from continuously  
5 operating a motor vehicle in the furthermost left-hand  
6 lane of certain roadways, except under certain  
7 circumstances; providing applicability; providing a  
8 penalty; providing an effective date.

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10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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12 Section 1. Present subsections (4) and (5) of section  
13 316.081, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (5)  
14 and (6), respectively, a new subsection (4) is added to that  
15 section, and present subsection (5) of that section is  
16 republished, to read:

17 316.081 Driving on right side of roadway; exceptions.—

18 (4) (a) As used in this subsection, the term "furthermost  
19 left-hand lane" means the farthest most left-hand lane, except  
20 that, if such left-hand lane is a high-occupancy-vehicle lane as  
21 defined in s. 316.0741, or is a designated left turn lane, the  
22 furthermost left-hand lane shall be the lane immediately to the  
23 right of such high-occupancy-vehicle lane or left turn lane.

24 (b) On a road, street, or highway having two or more lanes  
25 allowing movement in the same direction with a posted speed  
26 limit of at least 65 miles per hour, a driver may not  
27 continuously operate a motor vehicle in the furthermost left-  
28 hand lane, except when overtaking and passing another vehicle,  
29 when preparing to exit the road, street, or highway, or when

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30 otherwise directed by an official traffic control device. This  
31 subsection does not apply to authorized emergency vehicles and  
32 vehicles engaged in highway maintenance or construction  
33 operations.

34 (6)~~(5)~~ A violation of this section is a noncriminal traffic  
35 infraction, punishable as a moving violation as provided in  
36 chapter 318.

37 Section 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2024.