

By the Appropriations Committee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development; 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 operating a
5 motor vehicle in the furthermost left-hand lane of
6 certain roadways, except under certain circumstances;
7 providing applicability; providing a penalty;
8 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 is the lane immediately to the right
23 of such high-occupancy-vehicle lane or left turn lane.

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

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

33 (6)~~(5)~~ A violation of this section is a noncriminal traffic
34 infraction, punishable as a moving violation as provided in
35 chapter 318.

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