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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 that 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

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26 | of at least 65 miles per hour, a driver may not operate a motor
27 | vehicle in the furthestmost 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
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
34 | traffic infraction, punishable as a moving violation as provided
35 | in chapter 318.

36 | Section 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2025.