

A bill to be entitled
 An act relating to motor vehicles using the
 furthestmost left-hand lane; amending s. 316.081, F.S.;
 defining the term "furthestmost left-hand lane";
 prohibiting a driver from operating a motor vehicle in
 the furthestmost left-hand lane on specified roadways;
 providing exceptions; providing applicability;
 requiring the Department of Transportation to make
 certain designations and install specified signage;
 providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 316.081, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

316.081 Driving on right side of roadway; exceptions.—

(3) As used in this subsection, the term "furthestmost left-hand lane" means the farthest, most left-hand lane, unless such left-hand lane is a high-occupancy-vehicle lane as defined in s. 316.0741, or is a designated left-turn lane, in which cases the furthestmost left-hand lane is the lane immediately to the right of the high-occupancy-vehicle lane or the left-turn lane.

(a) On a road, street, or highway having two or more lanes allowing movement in the same direction, a driver may not

26 | continue to operate a motor vehicle in the furthestmost left-hand
27 | lane if the driver knows or reasonably should know that he or
28 | she is being overtaken in that lane from the rear by a motor
29 | vehicle traveling at a higher rate of speed. This paragraph
30 | ~~subsection~~ does not apply to drivers operating a vehicle that is
31 | overtaking another vehicle proceeding in the same direction, or
32 | is preparing for a left turn at an intersection.

33 | (b) On a designated road, street, or highway with two or
34 | more lanes allowing movement in the same direction and with a
35 | posted speed limit of at least 65 miles per hour, a driver may
36 | not operate a motor vehicle in the furthestmost left-hand lane
37 | when other vehicular traffic is present, except when:

- 38 | 1. Overtaking and passing another vehicle;
39 | 2. Preparing to exit the road, street, or highway;
40 | 3. Required by s. 316.126;
41 | 4. Otherwise directed by an official traffic control
42 | device; or
43 | 5. Environmental or traffic conditions dictate.

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45 | This paragraph does not apply to drivers operating authorized
46 | emergency vehicles or drivers operating vehicles engaged in
47 | highway maintenance or construction operations.

48 | (c) The Department of Transportation shall designate the
49 | portions of any roadway for which paragraph (b) applies and
50 | install the appropriate signage advising motorists of the

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51 | requirements of paragraph (b).

52 | **Section 2.** This act shall take effect January 1, 2026.