

By Senator Martin

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

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

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

16 316.081 Driving on right side of roadway; exceptions.—

17 (3) As used in this subsection, the term "furthestmost left-
18 hand lane" means the farthest, most left-hand lane, unless such
19 left-hand lane is a high-occupancy-vehicle lane as defined in s.
20 316.0741, or is a designated left-turn lane, in which case the
21 furthestmost left-hand lane is the lane immediately to the right
22 of the high-occupancy-vehicle lane or the left-turn lane.

23 (a) On a road, street, or highway having two or more lanes
24 allowing movement in the same direction, a driver may not
25 continue to operate a motor vehicle in the furthestmost left-hand
26 lane if the driver knows or reasonably should know that he or
27 she is being overtaken in that lane from the rear by a motor
28 vehicle traveling at a higher rate of speed. This paragraph
29 ~~subsection~~ does not apply to drivers operating a vehicle that is

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30 overtaking another vehicle proceeding in the same direction, or
31 is preparing for a left turn at an intersection.

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

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

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

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

51 Section 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2026.