

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 185--COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

(ON BEHALF OF DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND PUBLIC SAFETY)

FEBRUARY 10, 1999

Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Prohibits trucks and commercial vehicles from being driven in left lane of highway under certain circumstances. (BDR 43-657)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: Yes.
Effect on the State or on Industrial Insurance: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in ***bolded italics*** is new; matter between brackets ~~for omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to traffic laws; prohibiting a truck, commercial vehicle or combination of commercial vehicles from being driven in the left lane of a highway under certain circumstances; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN SENATE
AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

- 1 **Section 1.** NRS 484.305 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 484.305 1. ~~{Whenever any}~~ ***If a*** highway has two or more clearly
3 marked lanes for traffic traveling in one direction, vehicles ~~{shall}~~ ***must*** be
4 driven as nearly as practicable entirely within a single lane and ~~{shall}~~ ***must***
5 not be moved from ~~{such}~~ ***that*** lane until the driver has given the
6 appropriate turn signal and ascertained that such movement can be made
7 with safety.
8 2. Upon a highway which has been divided into three clearly marked
9 lanes , a vehicle ~~{shall}~~ ***must*** not be driven in the extreme left lane at any
10 time. A vehicle on such a highway ~~{shall}~~ ***must*** not be driven in the center
11 lane except:
12 (a) When overtaking and passing another vehicle where the highway is
13 clearly visible and ~~{such}~~ ***the*** center lane is clear of traffic for a safe
14 distance;
15 (b) In preparation for a left turn; or

(c) Where ~~{such}~~ **the** center lane is at the time allocated exclusively to traffic moving in the direction in which the vehicle is proceeding, and is posted to give notice of such allocation.

3. ~~{Whenever}~~ **If** a highway has been designed to provide a single center lane to be used only for turning, by traffic moving in both directions, the following rules apply:

(a) A vehicle ~~{shall}~~ **must** be driven in the center turn lane only ~~{for the purpose of making}~~ **to make** a left-hand turn.

(b) A vehicle ~~{shall}~~ **must** not travel more than 200 feet in a center turn lane ~~{prior to}~~ **before** making a left-hand turn.

4. If a highway has three or more clearly marked lanes for traffic traveling in one direction, a truck, commercial vehicle, or combination of vehicles, that has a gross vehicle weight rating or gross combination weight rating of 26,000 pounds or more must not be driven in the extreme left lane except:

(a) When directed to do so by a law enforcement officer, an employee of the department of transportation or an employee of the county road supervisor or board of road commissioners of the county in which the highway is located;

(b) When highway conditions and safety indicate that travel in the extreme left lane is warranted; or

(c) In preparation for a left turn or U-turn.

5. If a highway has two clearly marked lanes for traffic traveling in one direction, a truck, commercial vehicle, or combination of vehicles, that has a gross vehicle weight rating or gross combination weight rating of 26,000 pounds or more must not be driven in the left lane except:

(a) When overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding in the same direction under the laws governing such movements;

(b) When the right lane is closed to traffic;

(c) When directed to do so by a law enforcement officer, an employee of the department of transportation or an employee of the county road supervisor or board of road commissioners of the county in which the highway is located; or

(d) When highway conditions and safety indicate that travel in the left lane is warranted.

6. As used in this section:

(a) "Gross combination weight rating" means:

(1) The value specified by the manufacturer as the loaded weight of a combination of vehicles; or

(2) In the absence of a value specified by the manufacturer, a value determined by the total weight of all vehicles in the combination of vehicles and the loads on those vehicles.

1 ***(b) “Gross vehicle weight rating” means the value specified by the***
2 ***manufacturer as the loaded weight of a single motor vehicle.***

3 ***(c) “Law enforcement officer” means:***

4 ***(1) A police officer;***

5 ***(2) An officer of a unit for the enforcement of nonmoving traffic***
6 ***laws established pursuant to NRS 280.125; or***

7 ***(3) Any other law enforcement officer designated by a board of***
8 ***county commissioners of the county or the governing body of the city in***
9 ***which a highway is located.***

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