

SENATE BILL NO. 235—COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

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Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing use of highway. (BDR 43-1102)

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 ~~{omitted material}~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to traffic laws; providing standards for making a right turn under certain circumstances; deleting the provision which allows a driver of a motor vehicle to stop, stand, park or drive within a pathway or lane provided for bicycles if he is preparing to make or making a turn; providing a penalty; 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 be}~~ ***must:***
4 ***(a) Be*** driven as nearly as practicable entirely within a single lane ; and
5 ~~{shall not}~~
6 ***(b) Not*** be moved from ~~{such}~~ ***that*** lane until the driver has given the
7 appropriate turn signal and ascertained that such movement can be made
8 with safety.
9 2. Upon a highway which has been divided into three clearly marked
10 lanes a vehicle ~~{shall}~~ ***must*** not be driven in the extreme left lane at any
11 time. A vehicle on such a highway ~~{shall}~~ ***must*** not be driven in the center
12 lane except:
13 (a) When overtaking and passing another vehicle where the highway is
14 clearly visible and ~~{such}~~ ***the*** center lane is clear of traffic for a safe
15 distance;
16 (b) In preparation for a left turn; or

(c) ~~{Where such}~~ **When the** center lane is ~~{at the time}~~ allocated exclusively to traffic moving in the direction in which the vehicle is proceeding ~~{,}~~ and **a sign** 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}~~ **may** be driven in the center turn lane only for the purpose of making 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 been designed to provide a single right lane to be used only for turning, a vehicle must:

(a) **Be driven in the right turn lane only for the purpose of making a right turn; and**

(b) **While being driven in the right turn lane, not travel through an intersection.**

Sec. 2. NRS 484.324 is hereby amended to read as follows:

484.324 1. The driver of a motor vehicle shall not:

(a) Intentionally interfere with the movement of a person lawfully riding a bicycle; or

(b) Overtake and pass a person riding a bicycle unless he can do so safely without endangering the person riding the bicycle.

2. The driver of a motor vehicle shall yield the right of way to any person riding a bicycle on the pathway or lane. The driver of a motor vehicle shall not stop, stand, park or drive within a pathway or lane provided for bicycles except:

(a) ~~{When preparing to make or making a turn;~~

~~{(b)}~~ When entering or exiting an alley or driveway;

~~{(c)}~~ (b) When operating or parking a disabled vehicle;

~~{(d)}~~ (c) To avoid conflict with other traffic;

~~{(e)}~~ (d) In the performance of official duties;

~~{(f)}~~ (e) In compliance with the directions of a police officer; or

~~{(g)}~~ (f) In an emergency.

3. The driver of a motor vehicle shall:

(a) Exercise due care to avoid a collision with a person riding a bicycle; and

(b) Give an audible warning with the horn of the vehicle if appropriate and when necessary to avoid such a collision.

4. The operator of a bicycle shall not:

(a) Intentionally interfere with the movement of a motor vehicle; or

(b) Overtake and pass a motor vehicle unless he can do so safely without endangering himself or the occupants of the motor vehicle.

1 **Sec. 3.** NRS 484.333 is hereby amended to read as follows:

2 484.333 ~~{When}~~ **If** the driver of a vehicle intends to turn at an
3 intersection ~~{:~~

4 ~~1. When the}~~ **and:**

5 **1. The** turn is a right turn, both the approach for the right turn and the
6 right turn ~~{shall}~~ **must** be made ***from the right turn lane if the highway has***
7 ***a right turn lane as set forth in subsection 4 of NRS 484.305 or must be***
8 ***made*** as close as practicable to the right-hand curb or edge of the highway.

9 2. ~~{Where both}~~ **Both** intersecting highways are two-directional ~~{, the}~~
10 **:**

11 **(a) The** approach for a left turn ~~{shall}~~ **must** be made in that portion of
12 the right half of the highway nearest the centerline thereof; ~~{and after}~~

13 **(b) After** entering the intersection, the left turn ~~{shall}~~ **must** be made so
14 as to leave the intersection to the right of the centerline of the highway
15 being entered; and ~~{in all cases, except where}~~

16 **(c) Except as** otherwise directed by official traffic-control devices,
17 simultaneous left turns by opposing traffic ~~{shall}~~ **must** be made in front of
18 each other.

19 3. ~~{When the}~~ **The** turn is a left turn from a two-directional highway
20 ~~{into}~~ **onto** a one-way highway, the approach for ~~{a}~~ **the** left turn ~~{shall}~~
21 **must** be made in that portion of the right half of the highway nearest the
22 centerline thereof, and the turn ~~{shall}~~ **must** be made by turning from the
23 right of ~~{such}~~ **the** centerline where it enters the intersection as close as
24 practicable to the left-hand curb of the one-way highway.

25 4. ~~{When making}~~ **The turn is** a left turn from a one-way highway
26 ~~{into}~~ **onto** a two-directional highway, ~~{such turn shall}~~ **the left turn must**
27 be made by passing to the right of the centerline of the highway being
28 entered upon leaving the intersection, and the approach ~~{of such turn shall}~~
29 **for the left turn must** be made as close as practicable to the left-hand curb
30 of the one-way highway.

31 5. ~~{When making}~~ **The turn is** a left turn where both intersecting
32 highways are one-way, both the approach for the left turn and the left turn
33 ~~{shall}~~ **must** be made as close as practicable to the left-hand curb or edge of
34 the highway.

35 **Sec. 4.** The amendatory provisions of this act do not apply to offenses
36 that were committed before October 1, 1999.