Senate Bill No. 235–Committee on Transportation

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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; clarifying the prohibition against entering or proceeding through an intersection while driving within a pathway or lane provided for bicycles; 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:

- **Section 1.** NRS 484.305 is hereby amended to read as follows: 484.305 1. [Whenever any] If a highway has two or more clearly marked lanes for traffic traveling in one direction, vehicles [shall be] must:
- (a) Be driven as nearly as practicable entirely within a single lane; and [shall not]
- (b) Not be moved from [such] that lane until the driver has given the appropriate turn signal and ascertained that such movement can be made with safety.
- 2. Upon a highway which has been divided into three clearly marked lanes a vehicle **[shall]** *must* not be driven in the extreme left lane at any time. A vehicle on such a highway **[shall]** *must* not be driven in the center lane except:
- (a) When overtaking and passing another vehicle where the highway is clearly visible and [such] *the* center lane is clear of traffic for a safe distance:
 - (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 *enter*, 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;
 - (c) To avoid conflict with other traffic;
 - (d) In the performance of official duties;
 - (e) In compliance with the directions of a police officer; or
 - $\frac{(g)}{(f)}$ In an emergency.
- 3. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, the driver of a motor vehicle shall not enter or proceed through an intersection while driving within a pathway or lane provided for bicycles.
 - **4.** 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.] 5. 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.
- **Sec. 3.** NRS 484.333 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 484.333 [When] If the driver of a vehicle intends to turn at an intersection [:
- —1. When the and:
- 1. The turn is a right turn, both the approach for the right turn and the right turn [shall] must be made [as close as practicable to the right hand curb or edge of the highway.
- 2. Where both] from the right turn lane if the highway has a right turn lane as set forth in subsection 4 of NRS 484.305, or must be made from the extreme right lane.
 - 2. **Both** intersecting highways are two-directional [, the]:
- (a) The approach for a left turn [shall] must be made in that portion of the right half of the highway nearest the centerline thereof; [and after]
- (b) After entering the intersection, the left turn [shall] must be made so as to leave the intersection to the right of the centerline of the highway being entered; and [in all cases, except where]

- (c) Except as otherwise directed by official traffic-control devices, simultaneous left turns by opposing traffic [shall] must be made in front of each other.
- 3. [When the] *The* turn is a left turn from a two-directional highway [into] *onto* a one-way highway, the approach for [a] *the* left turn [shall] *must* be made in that portion of the right half of the highway nearest the centerline thereof, and the turn [shall] *must* be made by turning from the right of [such] *the* centerline where it enters the intersection as close as practicable to the left-hand curb of the one-way highway.
- 4. [When making] The turn is a left turn from a one-way highway [into] onto a two-directional highway, [such turn shall] the left turn must be made by passing to the right of the centerline of the highway being entered upon leaving the intersection, and the approach [of such turn shall] for the left turn must be made as close as practicable to the left-hand curb of the one-way highway.
- 5. [When making] The turn is a left turn where both intersecting highways are one-way, both the approach for the left turn and the left turn [shall] must be made as close as practicable to the left-hand curb or edge of the highway.
- **Sec. 4.** The amendatory provisions of this act do not apply to offenses that were committed before October 1, 1999.

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