

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 381—ASSEMBLYMAN HETTRICK

MARCH 24, 2005

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Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Authorizes use of single center lane when making left-hand turn onto highway. (BDR 43-628)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State: No.

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

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AN ACT relating to traffic laws; authorizing the use of a single center lane when making a left-hand turn onto a highway; 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. If a highway has two or more clearly marked  
3     lanes for traffic traveling in one direction, vehicles must:  
4     (a) Be driven as nearly as practicable entirely within a single  
5     lane; and  
6     (b) Not be moved from that lane until the driver has given the  
7     appropriate turn signal and ascertained that such movement can be  
8     made with safety.  
9     2. Upon a highway which has been divided into three clearly  
10    marked lanes , a vehicle must not be driven in the extreme left lane  
11    at any time. A vehicle on such a highway must not be driven in the  
12    center lane except:  
13    (a) When overtaking and passing another vehicle where the  
14    highway is clearly visible and the center lane is clear of traffic for a  
15    safe distance;  
16    (b) In preparation for a left turn; or  
17    (c) When the center lane is allocated exclusively to traffic  
18    moving in the direction in which the vehicle is proceeding and a  
19    sign is posted to give notice of such allocation.



- 1        3. If a highway has been designed to provide a single center  
2 lane to be used only for turning by traffic moving in both directions,  
3 the following rules apply:
- 4        (a) A vehicle may be driven in the center turn lane only for the  
5 purpose of making a left-hand turn ~~to~~ *onto or from the highway.*  
6        (b) A vehicle must not travel more than 200 feet in a center turn  
7 lane before making a left-hand turn ~~to~~ *from the highway.*  
8        (c) *A vehicle must not travel more than 50 feet in a center turn*  
9 *lane after making a left-hand turn onto the highway before*  
10 *merging with traffic.*
- 11       4. If a highway has been designed to provide a single right lane  
12 to be used only for turning, a vehicle must:
- 13       (a) Be driven in the right turn lane only for the purpose of  
14 making a right turn; and  
15       (b) While being driven in the right turn lane, not travel through  
16 an intersection.
- 17       5. A person who violates any provision of this section may be  
18 subject to the additional penalty set forth in NRS 484.3667.

