
ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 334—ASSEMBLYMAN ELLISON

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Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Prohibits a driver from operating a motor vehicle in the extreme left lane of a highway under certain circumstances. (BDR 43-154)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact.
Effect on the State: Yes.

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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 highways; prohibiting a driver from operating a motor vehicle in the extreme left lane of a highway under certain circumstances; providing exceptions; providing a penalty; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Under existing law, a driver operating a motor vehicle at a speed so slow as to
2 impede the forward movement of traffic proceeding immediately behind the driver
3 on a highway with two or more lanes for traffic traveling in the same direction must
4 drive in the extreme right lane of the highway. (NRS 484B.627) This bill newly
5 provides that a driver on a highway with two or more lanes for traffic traveling in
6 the same direction may not continue to operate a motor vehicle in the extreme left
7 lane of the highway if the driver knows, or reasonably should know, that he or she
8 is being overtaken in that lane from the rear by a motor vehicle traveling at a higher
9 rate of speed. Exceptions are provided for: (1) a vehicle in the extreme left lane for
10 the purpose of overtaking another vehicle or preparing for a left turn; (2) a vehicle
11 lawfully operating in a lane designated for high-occupancy vehicles; (3) a vehicle
12 engaged in the construction, maintenance or repair of the highway; (4) when traffic
13 conditions, inclement weather, obstructions, hazards or compliance with an official
14 traffic control device or the directions of a peace officer make it necessary to drive
15 in the extreme left lane; and (5) an authorized emergency vehicle in the course of
16 his or her official duties. A violation of the prohibition is a misdemeanor, and a
17 violator must be punished: (1) for the first offense within the immediately
18 preceding 7 years, by a fine of \$50; (2) for a second offense within the immediately
19 preceding 7 years, by a fine of \$100; and (3) for a third or subsequent offense
20 within the immediately preceding 7 years, by a fine of \$250.



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

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 484B of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto a new section to read as follows:

3 1. *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, on a highway*
4 *which has two or more clearly marked lanes for traveling in the*
5 *same direction, a driver may not continue to operate a motor*
6 *vehicle in the extreme left lane if the driver knows, or reasonably*
7 *should know, that he or she is being overtaken in that lane from*
8 *the rear by a motor vehicle traveling at a higher rate of speed.*

9 2. *The requirements of subsection 1 do not apply:*

10 (a) *To a driver operating a motor vehicle that is:*

11 (1) *Overtaking another vehicle proceeding in the same*
12 *direction;*

13 (2) *Preparing for a left turn at an intersection;*

14 (3) *Traveling in a lane designated for the use of high-*
15 *occupancy vehicles pursuant to NRS 484A.460, if the driver*
16 *complies with the requirements to travel in such a lane; or*

17 (4) *Engaged in the construction, maintenance or repair of*
18 *the highway, including, without limitation, the removal of snow.*

19 (b) *When traffic conditions, inclement weather, obstructions*
20 *or hazards make it necessary to drive in the extreme left lane.*

21 (c) *When compliance with an official traffic control device or*
22 *the directions given by a peace officer makes it necessary to drive*
23 *in the extreme left lane.*

24 (d) *To the driver of an authorized emergency vehicle in the*
25 *course of his or her official duties.*

26 3. *A person who violates subsection 1 is guilty of a*
27 *misdemeanor and:*

28 (a) *For the first offense within the immediately preceding 7*
29 *years, shall pay a fine of \$50.*

30 (b) *For the second offense within the immediately preceding 7*
31 *years, shall pay a fine of \$100.*

32 (c) *For the third or subsequent offense within the immediately*
33 *preceding 7 years, shall pay a fine of \$250.*

34 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2017.

