

Assembly Bill No. 334–Assemblymen  
Ellison and Edwards

CHAPTER.....

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

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

Under existing law, a driver operating a motor vehicle at a speed so slow as to impede the forward movement of traffic proceeding immediately behind the driver on a highway with two or more lanes for traffic traveling in the same direction must drive in the extreme right lane of the highway. (NRS 484B.627) This bill newly provides that a driver on a controlled-access highway with two or more lanes for traffic traveling in the same direction may not continue to operate a motor vehicle in the extreme left lane of the highway if the driver knows, or reasonably should know, that he or she is driving at a rate of speed that is below the posted speed limit and is being overtaken in that lane from the rear by a motor vehicle traveling at a higher rate of speed. Exceptions are provided for a person driving: (1) a vehicle in the extreme left lane for the purpose of overtaking another vehicle or preparing for a left turn; (2) a vehicle lawfully operating in a lane designated for high-occupancy vehicles; (3) a vehicle engaged in the construction, maintenance or repair of the highway; (4) when traffic conditions, inclement weather, obstructions, hazards or compliance with an official traffic control device or the directions of a peace officer make it necessary to drive in the extreme left lane; (5) an authorized emergency vehicle in the course of his or her official duties; and (6) a vehicle within the geographical limits of a city or town. Existing law makes a violation of the prohibition a misdemeanor. (NRS 484A.900)

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

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

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

*1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, on a controlled-access highway which has two or more clearly marked lanes for traveling in the same direction, a driver may not continue to operate a motor vehicle in the extreme left lane if the driver knows, or reasonably should know, that he or she is traveling at a rate of speed which is less than the posted speed limit for that portion of the controlled-access highway and is being overtaken in that lane from the rear by a motor vehicle traveling at a higher rate of speed.*

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



- (a) *To a driver operating a motor vehicle that is:*
- (1) *Overtaking another vehicle proceeding in the same direction;*
  - (2) *Preparing for a left turn at an intersection;*
  - (3) *Traveling in a lane designated for the use of high-occupancy vehicles pursuant to NRS 484A.460, if the driver complies with the requirements to travel in such a lane; or*
  - (4) *Engaged in the construction, maintenance or repair of the highway, including, without limitation, the removal of snow.*
- (b) *When traffic conditions, inclement weather, obstructions or hazards make it necessary to drive in the extreme left lane.*
- (c) *When compliance with an official traffic control device or the directions given by a peace officer makes it necessary to drive in the extreme left lane.*
- (d) *To the driver of an authorized emergency vehicle in the course of his or her official duties.*
- (e) *To a driver operating a motor vehicle within the geographical limits of a city or town.*

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

