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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1849

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING WHEN A VEHICLE MAY  
BE DRIVEN UPON THE LEFT LANE OF A MULTILANE HIGHWAY;  
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING WHEN A  
VEHICLE MAY BE DRIVEN UPON THE LEFT LANE  
OF A MULTILANE HIGHWAY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 27-51-301(a) and (b), concerning the exceptions to the requirement that vehicles be driven on the right side of a multilane roadway, is amended to read as follows:

~~(b) Motor vehicles shall not be operated continuously in the left lane of a multilane roadway whenever it impedes the flow of other traffic~~

Except as otherwise provided in this section, a vehicle shall not be driven upon the left lane of a multilane highway, except as follows:

(1) When overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding in the same direction under the rules governing that movement;

(2) When all other lanes for traveling in the same direction are closed to traffic while under construction or repair;

(3) When all other lanes for traveling in the same direction are in disrepair or are in an otherwise undrivable or unsafe condition; or

(4) When a vehicle is preparing to exit the multilane highway on the left.



~~(c)(1) The Arkansas Department of Transportation may designate certain multilane highways or portions of multilane highways as prohibiting continuous driving in the left lane except in those instances described in subsection (a) of this section.~~

~~(2) For those multilane highways or portions of multilane highways described in subdivision (c)(1) of this section and designated by the department, the department shall erect periodic signs along the multilane highway or portion of the multilane highway that notify the public of the prohibition.~~

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