

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 180

By: Williamson

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to motor vehicles; amending 47 O.S. 1991, Section 11-303, which relates to overtaking vehicles on the left; modifying method for overtaking vehicles on the left; modifying maximum speed limit for certain vehicles; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 1991, Section 11-303, is amended to read as follows:

Section 11-303. The following rules shall govern the overtaking and passing of vehicles proceeding in the same direction, subject to those limitations, exceptions and special rules hereinafter stated:

1. The driver of a vehicle overtaking another vehicle proceeding in the same direction shall pass to the left thereof at a safe distance and shall not again drive to the right side of the roadway until safely clear of the overtaken vehicle.

2. Except when overtaking and passing on the right is permitted, the driver of an overtaken vehicle shall give way to the right in favor of the overtaking vehicle on audible signal and shall not increase the speed of his or her vehicle until completely passed by the overtaking vehicle.

3. Every driver who intends to pass another vehicle proceeding in the same direction, which requires moving his or her vehicle from one lane of traffic to another, shall first see that such movement can be made with safety and shall proceed to pass only after giving a proper signal by hand or mechanical device; provided, however, if the driver moves to the left lane of traffic, the driver must

complete the pass and return to the right lane within a distance of one mile without impeding the normal and reasonable movement of traffic.

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 11-801b of Title 47, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the maximum speed limit for any combination of vehicles as defined by Section 1-107.1 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes shall be as follows:

1. Sixty-five (65) miles per hour in locations comprising:
  - a. the turnpike system, and
  - b. rural segments of the interstate highway system, as may be designated by the Transportation Commission. Provided, however, the Commission shall determine that the public safety will not be jeopardized prior to the designation of such segments; and
2. Sixty (60) miles per hour in locations which are:
  - a. four-lane divided highways including, but not limited to, the interstate highway system, and
  - b. super two-lane highways. As used in this section, a super two-lane highway shall mean any two-lane highway with designated passing lanes, and consisting of paved shoulders not less than eight (8) feet in width.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2001.

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