

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 2276

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to motor vehicles; amending 47 O.S.
8 2001, Section 11-309, as last amended by Section 1,
9 Chapter 125, O.S.L. 2009 and Section 3, Chapter 108,
10 O.S.L. 2003 (47 O.S. Supp. 2009, Sections 11-309 and
11 11-901b), which relate to rules of the road;
12 modifying scope of certain vehicle driving
13 requirement; modifying circumstances for which a
14 citation may be issued; and providing an effective
15 date.

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

17 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2001, Section 11-309, as
18 last amended by Section 1, Chapter 125, O.S.L. 2009 (47 O.S. Supp.
19 2009, Section 11-309), is amended to read as follows:

20 Section 11-309. Whenever any roadway has been divided into two
21 or more clearly marked lanes for traffic, the following requirements
22 in addition to all others consistent herewith shall apply.

23 1. A vehicle shall be driven as nearly as practicable entirely
24 within a single lane.

2. A vehicle shall not be moved from the lane until the driver
has first ascertained that the movement can be made with safety and

1 then given a signal, not less than the last one hundred (100) feet
2 traveled by the vehicle, of his intention to change lanes.

3 3. Upon a roadway which is divided into three lanes, a vehicle
4 shall not be driven in the center lane except when overtaking and
5 passing another vehicle where the roadway is clearly visible and the
6 center lane is clear of traffic within a safe distance, or in
7 preparation for a left turn or where the center lane is at the time
8 allocated exclusively to traffic moving in the direction the vehicle
9 is proceeding and is signposted to give notice of the allocation.

10 4. A two-way left-turn lane is a lane near the center of the
11 highway set aside for use by vehicles making left turns in both
12 directions from or into the roadway. Two-way left-turn lanes shall
13 be designated by distinctive roadway markings consisting of parallel
14 double yellow lines, interior line dashed and exterior line solid,
15 on each side of the lane. A vehicle shall not be driven in a
16 designated two-way left-turn lane except when preparing for or
17 making a left turn from or into a roadway. Vehicles turning left
18 from the roadway shall not be driven in the two-way left-turn lane
19 for more than two hundred (200) feet while preparing for and making
20 the turn. A vehicle turning left onto the roadway may utilize the
21 two-way left-turn lane as a staging area by stopping and waiting for
22 traffic proceeding in the same direction to clear before merging
23 into the adjacent lanes of travel. A left turn shall not be made
24 from any other lane where a two-way left-turn lane has been

1 designated. Provided, however, this section shall not prohibit
2 driving across a two-way left-turn lane when moving from a service
3 drive onto such marked roadway.

4 5. Upon a roadway which is divided into four or more lanes, a
5 vehicle proceeding at less than the maximum posted speed, except
6 when reduced speed is necessary for safe operation, shall not impede
7 the normal flow of traffic by driving in the left lane.

8 6. Upon a roadway which is divided into four ~~or more~~ lanes, a
9 vehicle shall be driven in the right-hand lane except when
10 overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding in the same
11 direction or when preparing for a left turn at an intersection or
12 into a private road or driveway. Provided, however, this paragraph
13 shall not prohibit driving in a lane other than the right-hand lane
14 when traffic conditions or flow, or both, or road configuration,
15 such as the potential of merging traffic, require the use of lanes
16 other than the right-hand lane to maintain safe traffic conditions.

17 7. Official signs may be erected directing slow-moving traffic
18 to use a designated lane or designating those lanes to be used by
19 traffic moving in a particular direction regardless of the center of
20 the roadway and drivers of vehicles shall obey the directions of
21 every such sign.

22 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY Section 3, Chapter 108, O.S.L.
23 2003 (47 O.S. Supp. 2009, Section 11-901b), is amended to read as
24 follows:

1 Section 11-901b. The operator of every vehicle, while driving,
2 shall devote their full time and attention to such driving.

3 No law enforcement officer shall issue a citation under this
4 section unless the law enforcement officer observes that the
5 operator of the vehicle is ~~involved in an accident~~ driving in such a
6 manner that poses an articulable danger to other persons on the
7 roadway that is not otherwise specified in statute.

8 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2010.

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