

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 1517

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to motor vehicles; amending 47 O.S.
8 2011, Section 11-309, which relates to driving on
9 roadways laned for traffic; directing certain signs
to be erected; providing an effective date; and
declaring an emergency.

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

12 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 11-309, is
13 amended to read as follows:

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

17 1. A vehicle shall be driven as nearly as practicable entirely
18 within a single lane.

19 2. A vehicle shall not be moved from the lane until the driver
20 has first ascertained that the movement can be made with safety and
21 then given a signal, not less than the last one hundred (100) feet
22 traveled by the vehicle, of his intention to change lanes.

23 3. Upon a roadway which is divided into three lanes, a vehicle
24 shall not be driven in the center lane except when overtaking and

1 passing another vehicle where the roadway is clearly visible and the
2 center lane is clear of traffic within a safe distance, or in
3 preparation for a left turn or where the center lane is at the time
4 allocated exclusively to traffic moving in the direction the vehicle
5 is proceeding and is signposted to give notice of the allocation.

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

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1 5. Upon a roadway which is divided into four or more lanes, a
2 vehicle shall not impede the normal flow of traffic by driving in
3 the left lane; provided, however, this paragraph shall not prohibit
4 driving in a lane other than the right-hand lane when traffic
5 conditions or flow, or both, or road configuration, such as the
6 potential of merging traffic, require the use of lanes other than
7 the right-hand lane to maintain safe traffic conditions. Except for
8 the conditions cited in this paragraph, the left lane shall be
9 utilized as a passing lane only.

10 6. Official signs may be erected directing slow-moving traffic
11 to use a designated lane or designating those lanes to be used by
12 traffic moving in a particular direction regardless of the center of
13 the roadway and drivers of vehicles shall obey the directions of
14 every such sign. Additional signs shall be erected on the
15 interstate highway system stating the left lane is for passing only.

16 Any person convicted of violating any provision of this section
17 shall be punished as provided for in Section 17-101 of this title.

18 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2014.

19 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
20 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
21 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
22 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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