

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR ENGROSSED
HOUSE BILL NO. 3306

By: Wright of the House

and

Fields of the Senate

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An Act relating to motor vehicles; amending 47 O.S. 2011, Section 11-309, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 211, O.S.L. 2017 (47 O.S. Supp. 2017, Section 11-309), which relates to driving on roadways laned for traffic; prohibiting left-lane driving by certain vehicles; providing certain exceptions; requiring certain signage be erected; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 11-309, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 211, O.S.L. 2017 (47 O.S. Supp. 2017, Section 11-309), is amended to read as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

1 into the adjacent lanes of travel. A left turn shall not be made
2 from any other lane where a two-way left-turn lane has been
3 designated. Provided, however, this section shall not prohibit
4 driving across a two-way left-turn lane when moving from a service
5 drive onto such marked roadway.

6 5. Upon a roadway which is divided into three or more lanes,
7 all semitrailers, trailers and truck-tractors, as defined by
8 Sections 1-162, 1-180 and 1-183 of this title, shall not be driven
9 in the left-hand lane except when preparing for a left turn at an
10 intersection. Semitrailers, trailers and truck-tractors shall be
11 permitted to be in the left-hand lane for a distance of two (2)
12 miles while preparing for a left turn from the left-hand lane.
13 Provided, however, this paragraph shall not prohibit driving in the
14 left-hand lane when a road configuration, such as the potential of
15 merging traffic, requires the use of lanes other than the right-hand
16 lane to maintain safe traffic conditions. Official signs may be
17 erected on the highway system where the provisions of this paragraph
18 are applicable.

19 6. Upon a roadway which is divided into four or more lanes, a
20 vehicle shall not be driven in the left lane except when overtaking
21 and passing another vehicle; provided, however, this paragraph shall
22 not prohibit driving in the left lane when traffic conditions, flow
23 or road configuration, such as the potential of merging traffic,
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1 require the use of the left lane to maintain safe traffic
2 conditions.

3 ~~6.~~ 7. Official signs may be erected directing slow-moving
4 traffic to use a designated lane or designating those lanes to be
5 used by traffic moving in a particular direction regardless of the
6 center of the roadway, and drivers of vehicles shall obey the
7 directions of every such sign.

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

10 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2018.

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