

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 56th Legislature (2018)

3 SENATE BILL 1027

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to motor vehicles; amending 47 O.S.  
8 2011, Section 11-309, as amended by Section 1,  
Chapter 211, O.S.L. 2017 (47 O.S. Supp. 2017, Section  
9 11-309), which relates to driving on roadways laned  
for traffic; prescribing certain penalty; providing  
certain exception; and providing an effective date.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

3 5. Upon a roadway which is divided into four or more lanes, a  
4 vehicle shall not be driven in the left lane except when overtaking  
5 and passing another vehicle; provided, however, this paragraph shall  
6 not prohibit driving in the left lane when traffic conditions, flow  
7 or road configuration, such as the potential of merging traffic,  
8 require the use of the left lane to maintain safe traffic  
9 conditions. Any person convicted of violating this provision shall  
10 be punished by a fine not to exceed Twenty Dollars (\$20.00).

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

16 ~~Any~~ Except as provided in paragraph 5 of this section, any  
17 person convicted of violating any provision of this section shall be  
18 punished as provided for in Section 17-101 of this title.

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