

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 3290

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AS INTRODUCED

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; providing exceptions on limitations to left-lane driving; 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.

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 shall not be driven in the left lane except when overtaking
6 and passing another vehicle; provided, however, this paragraph shall
7 not prohibit driving in the left lane when traffic conditions, road
8 conditions, weather conditions, flow or road configuration, such as
9 the potential of merging traffic, require the use of the left lane
10 to maintain safe traffic conditions; provided further, this
11 paragraph shall not prohibit driving in the left lane of a roadway
12 within the city limits of a municipality as long as such roadway is
13 not part of the Interstate Highway System.

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

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

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

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