

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 4047

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An Act relating to motor vehicles; amending 47 O.S. 2011, Section 11-309, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 184, O.S.L. 2018 (47 O.S. Supp. 2019, Section 11-309), which relates to driving on roadways laned for traffic; establishing traffic regulations for highways; 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 last amended by Section 1, Chapter 184, O.S.L. 2018 (47 O.S. Supp. 2019, Section 11-309), is amended to read as follows:

Section 11-309. Whenever any ~~roadway~~ highway 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~~ highway which is divided into three lanes, a
4 vehicle shall not be driven in the center lane except when
5 overtaking and passing another vehicle where the ~~roadway~~ highway is
6 clearly visible and the center lane is clear of traffic within a
7 safe distance, or in preparation for a left turn or where the center
8 lane is at the time allocated exclusively to traffic moving in the
9 direction the vehicle is proceeding and is signposted to give notice
10 of the allocation.

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

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

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

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

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

22 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2020.
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