

SENATE BILL No. 689

By Committee on Ways and Means

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10 AN ACT regulating traffic; concerning driving in the right lane; amend-
11 ing K.S.A. 8-1522 and repealing the existing section.
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13 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

14 Section 1. K.S.A. 8-1522 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-
15 1522. Whenever any roadway has been divided into two ~~(2)~~ or more
16 clearly marked lanes for traffic, the following rules in addition to all others
17 consistent herewith shall apply.

18 (a) A vehicle shall be driven as nearly as practicable entirely within a
19 single lane and shall not be moved from such lane until the driver has
20 first ascertained that such movement can be made with safety.

21 (b) Upon a roadway which is divided into three ~~(3)~~ lanes and provides
22 for two-way movement of traffic, a vehicle shall not be driven in the center
23 lane except when overtaking and passing another vehicle traveling in the
24 same direction when such center lane is clear of traffic within a safe
25 distance, or in preparation for making a left turn or where such center
26 lane is at the time allocated exclusively to traffic moving in the same
27 direction that the vehicle is proceeding and such allocation is designated
28 by official traffic-control devices.

29 (c) **Upon a highway located outside the corporate limits of any**
30 **city divided into two lanes of traffic proceeding in the same direction, all**
31 **vehicles shall be driven in the right lane except when:**

- 32 (1) Overtaking and passing another vehicle;
33 (2) preparing to make a proper left turn;
34 (3) otherwise directed by official traffic-control devices; or
35 (4) otherwise required by other provisions of law.

36 (d) **Upon a highway located outside the corporate limits of any**
37 **city divided into three or more lanes of traffic proceeding in the same**
38 **direction, vehicles shall not be driven in the far left lane except when:**

- 39 (1) Overtaking and passing another vehicle;
40 (2) preparing to make a proper left turn;
41 (3) otherwise directed by official traffic-control devices; or
42 (4) otherwise required by other provisions of law.

43 (e) **The provisions of subsections (c) and (d) shall not apply to**

1 ***authorized emergency vehicles, law enforcement vehicles, Kansas***
2 ***turnpike authority vehicles or department of transportation vehi-***
3 ***cles performing construction or maintenance work.***

4 ~~(e)~~ ~~(e)~~ **(f)** Official traffic-control devices may be erected directing
5 specified traffic to use a designated lane or designating those lanes to be
6 used by traffic moving in a particular direction regardless of the center
7 of the roadway and drivers of vehicles shall obey the directions of every
8 such device.

9 ~~(f)~~ ~~(f)~~ **(g)** Official traffic-control devices may be installed prohibiting
10 the changing of lanes on sections of roadway and drivers of vehicles shall
11 obey the directions of every such device.

12 ~~(g)~~ **(h)** *From and after July 1, 2008, and prior to July 1, 2009, a law*
13 *enforcement officer shall issue a warning citation to anyone violating the*
14 *provisions of subsection (c) or (d).*

15 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 8-1522 is hereby repealed.

16 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
17 publication in the statute book.