

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

House Bill No. 855 by Representative Henderson

TRAFFIC: Provides that the left lane is for passing only

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Corrects the name of the Louisiana Highway Commission by adding the word "Safety".
2. Technical amendment.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Present law provides that any vehicle proceeding at less than the normal speed of traffic at the time and place and under the circumstances then existing, shall be driven in the right-hand lane then available for traffic except when preparing for a left turn at an intersection or into a private road or driveway, or passing or overtaking a vehicle proceeding in the same direction, if passing on the left side of it.

Present law restricts any vehicle from traveling in the left lane so as to prohibit, impede or block passage of an overtaking vehicle in such lane and in such event the vehicle in the left lane prohibiting, impeding, or blocking passage of an overtaking vehicle shall expeditiously merge into the right lane of traffic.

Proposed law retains present law and adds that no vehicle shall be driven in the left-hand lane on any multilane highway except when directed otherwise, preparing for a left turn at an intersection or private road or driveway, overtaking or passing another vehicle proceeding in the same direction, or when right-hand lanes are congested.

Proposed law provides that no vehicle being driven in the left lane except when directed otherwise or preparing for a left turn at an intersection, private road, or driveway shall impede any other vehicle that is traveling in the same lane and behind that vehicle.

Proposed law provides that no vehicle traveling in the left-hand lane shall be driven at a speed slower than any vehicle traveling to its right on the same roadway.

Proposed law provides that the provisions of this Subsection shall not apply during a declared state of emergency when contra-flow has been activated.

(Amends R.S. 32:71(B)(1))