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DIGEST

Claitor (SB 263)

Present law provides that no vehicle will 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 retains present law; however, it changes multilane highway to "non-urban multilane highway".

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

Proposed law retains present law; however, it changes multilane highway to "non-urban multilane highways".

Present law provides that on multilane highways any vehicle proceeding at less than the normal speed of traffic at the time and place and under the circumstances then existing, will 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. Requires a penalty of a fine of \$100 or imprisonment for 30 days, or both.

Proposed law retains present law; however, it changes multilane highway to "non-urban multilane highway" and removes the penalty of imprisonment.

Present law directs DOTD to place signs on multilane highways, in an effort to make motorists aware of the law.

Proposed law retains present law; however, it requires signs to be placed on all non-urban multilane highways.

Effective August 15, 2010.

(Amends R.S. 32:71(B) and (D))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways, and Public Works to the original bill.

1. Makes present law on driving in the left lane applicable only to non-urban multilane highways.
2. Restores present law exception relative to preparing for a left turn into a private road or driveway.