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HOUSE BILL NO. 1135

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HIGHWAYS: Clarifies the method of driving on certain types of highways

## 1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 32:83, relative to driving on certain highways; to provide for method of  
3 driving on multiple-lane highways with left-turn lanes; and to provide for related  
4 matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 32:83 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §83. Driving on highways with two-way left-turn lanes and dedicated left-turn lanes

8 A.(1) The department may designate two-way left-turn lanes along segments  
9 of highways and may designate dedicated left-turn lanes on highways at  
10 intersections.

11 (2) A highway with two or more lanes in each direction and with a  
12 designated two-way left-turn lane shall be considered a divided highway with  
13 separate roadways.

14 (3) A two-way left-turn lane is a lane near the center of the highway for use  
15 by vehicles making left turns in both directions to and from connections on both  
16 sides of the highway. At an intersection, the department may designate the two-way  
17 left-turn lane as a dedicated left-turn lane.

18 B.(1) A vehicle shall not be driven in a two-way left-turn lane for more than  
19 two hundred feet while making a left turn from a highway or when making a u-turn.

1           (2) A vehicle shall not be driven in a two-way left-turn lane for more than  
2           two hundred feet while making a left turn onto a highway and merging into the  
3           adjacent lanes of travel.

4           (3) A vehicle shall not be driven in a two-way left-turn lane for more than  
5           two hundred feet to reach a dedicated left-turn lane at an intersection.

6           C. A vehicle in a dedicated left-turn lane at an intersection shall turn at the  
7           intersection only as designated by posted pavement marking, signing, or traffic  
8           signal indication.

9           D. Vehicles shall not be driven across dedicated left-turn lanes at  
10          intersections or across areas delineated with pavement markings consisting of solid  
11          lines and filled in with diagonal striping. A vehicle may be driven across a two-way  
12          left-turn lane.

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#### DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Clarifies the methods for driving on certain multilane highways.

Proposed law provides that:

- (1) The department may designate two-way left-turn lanes along segments of highways and may designate dedicated left-turn lanes on highways at intersections.
- (2) A highway with two or more lanes in each direction and with a designated two-way left-turn lane shall be considered a divided highway with separate roadways.
- (3) A two-way left-turn lane is a lane near the center of the highway for use by vehicles making left turns in both directions to and from connections on both sides of the highway. At an intersection, the department may designate the two-way left-turn lane as a dedicated left-turn lane.
- (4) A vehicle shall not be driven in a two-way left-turn lane for more than 200 feet while making a left turn from a highway or when making a u-turn.
- (5) A vehicle shall not be driven in a two-way left-turn lane for more than 200 feet while making a left turn onto a highway and merging into the adjacent lanes of travel.
- (6) A vehicle shall not be driven in a two-way left-turn lane for more than 200 feet to reach a dedicated left-turn lane at an intersection.

- (7) A vehicle in a dedicated left-turn lane at an intersection shall only turn at the intersection as designated by posted pavement marking, signing, or traffic signal indication.
- (8) Vehicles shall not be driven across dedicated left-turn lanes at intersections or across areas delineated with pavement markings consisting of solid lines and filled in with diagonal striping. A vehicle may be driven across a two-way left-turn lane.

(Adds R.S. 32:83)