

New law authorizes the DOTD to designate roadways as follows:

- (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.

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