

Senate Bill 532

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Requires certain persons to not drive in far left lane unless passing. Provides exceptions. Punishes by maximum fine of \$250.

Clarifies that certain persons must drive in far right lane.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to lane of travel; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 811.325.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2017 Act is added to and made a part of the Oregon Vehicle Code.

SECTION 2. (1) A person commits the offense of failure to keep a vehicle in the right lane if the person is operating a vehicle and the person drives the vehicle in the far left lane on a roadway that has two or more lanes for traffic proceeding in a single direction and that has a speed limit or posted speed greater than or equal to 55 miles per hour.

(2) A person may drive in the far left lane:

(a) When overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding in the same direction under the rules governing this movement in ORS 811.410 to 811.425 when such movement can be made without interfering with the passage of other vehicles.

(b) When preparing to turn left.

(c) When reasonably necessary in response to emergency conditions.

(d) To avoid actual or potential traffic moving onto the right lane from an acceleration or merging lane.

(e) When necessary to follow traffic control devices that direct use of a lane.

(f) When the flow of traffic is moving slower than the normal flow of traffic at the time and place and under the conditions then existing.

(3) This section does not apply to persons driving the following vehicles that are governed by ORS 811.325:

(a) Any camper.

(b) Any vehicle with a trailer.

(c) Any vehicle with a registration weight of 10,000 pounds or more.

(4) The offense described in this section, failure to keep a vehicle in the right lane, is a Class D traffic violation.

SECTION 3. ORS 811.325 is amended to read:

811.325. (1) A person commits the offense of failure to keep a camper, trailer or truck in the right lane if the person is operating any of the vehicles described in this subsection and the person

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 does not drive in the **far** right lane of all roadways having two or more lanes for traffic proceeding
2 in a single direction. This subsection applies to all of the following vehicles:

3 (a) Any camper.

4 (b) Any vehicle with a trailer.

5 (c) Any vehicle with a registration weight of 10,000 pounds or more.

6 (2) This section does not require the described vehicles to be driven in the right lane under any
7 of the following circumstances:

8 (a) When overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding in the same direction under the
9 rules governing this movement in ORS 811.410 to 811.425 when such movement can be made without
10 interfering with the passage of other vehicles.

11 (b) When preparing to turn left.

12 (c) When reasonably necessary in response to emergency conditions.

13 (d) To avoid actual or potential traffic moving onto the right lane from an acceleration or
14 merging lane.

15 (e) When necessary to follow traffic control devices that direct use of a lane other than the right
16 lane.

17 (3) The offense described in this section, failure to keep camper, trailer or truck in the right
18 lane, is a Class B traffic violation.

19 **SECTION 4. Section 2 of this 2017 Act and the amendments to ORS 811.325 by section 3**
20 **of this 2017 Act apply to conduct occurring on or after the effective date of this 2017 Act.**

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