

1 AN ACT relating to traffic lanes.

2 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 189.340 is amended to read as follows:

- 4 (1) Vehicles overtaking other vehicles proceeding in the same direction shall pass to the
5 left of them and shall not again drive to the right until reasonably clear of those
6 vehicles. Vehicles overtaking streetcars may pass either to the right or left when so
7 directed by a police officer, when on a one (1) way street or where the location of
8 the tracks prevents compliance with this section, with regard for other traffic.
- 9 (2) The operator of a vehicle may overtake and pass upon the right of another vehicle
10 only under the following conditions:
- 11 (a) When the vehicle overtaken is making or about to make a left turn;
- 12 (b) Upon a roadway with unobstructed pavement of sufficient width for two (2) or
13 more lines of vehicles moving lawfully in the direction being traveled by the
14 overtaking vehicle.
- 15 (3) The operator of a vehicle may overtake and pass another vehicle upon the right only
16 under conditions permitting such movements in safety. Such movement shall not be
17 made by driving off the roadway unless passing vehicle comes to a complete stop
18 and such movement may be made safely.
- 19 (4) No vehicle shall be driven to the left side of the center of the roadway in overtaking
20 and passing another vehicle proceeding in the same direction unless the left side is
21 clearly visible and free of oncoming traffic for a sufficient distance ahead to permit
22 overtaking and passing to be completely made without interfering with the safe
23 operation of any vehicle approaching from the opposite direction or any vehicle
24 overtaken. In every event, the overtaking vehicle must return to the right-hand side
25 of the roadway before coming within two hundred (200) feet of any vehicle
26 approaching from the opposite direction.
- 27 (5) The commissioner of highways is hereby authorized to determine those portions of

1 any highway where overtaking and passing or driving to the left of the roadway
2 would be especially hazardous and may by appropriate signs or markings on the
3 roadway indicate the beginning and end of such zones, and when such signs or
4 markings are in place and clearly visible to an ordinarily observant person, every
5 driver of a vehicle shall obey the directions thereof.

6 (6) Whenever any roadway has been divided into three (3) clearly marked lanes for
7 travel, the following additional rules shall apply:

8 (a) A vehicle shall be driven as nearly as may be practical entirely within a single
9 lane and shall not be moved from that lane until the driver has first ascertained
10 that the movement can be made with safety;

11 (b) A vehicle shall not be driven in the center lane except when overtaking and
12 passing another vehicle where the roadway is clearly visible and the center lane
13 is clear of traffic within a safe distance, or in preparation for a left turn or
14 where a center lane is at the time allocated exclusively to traffic moving in the
15 direction in which the vehicle is proceeding and is signposted to give notice of
16 the allocation; and

17 (c) Official signs may be erected directing slow-moving traffic to use a designated
18 lane or allocating specified lanes to traffic moving in the same direction and
19 operators of vehicles shall obey the directions of such signs.

20 (7) A vehicle shall not be driven in the left lane of any limited access highway of four (4)
21 lanes or more with a posted speed limit of at least sixty-five (65) miles per hour,
22 except in overtaking a slower vehicle, yielding to traffic coming onto such a
23 highway, or when traffic conditions exist which would prohibit safe use of the right
24 or center lanes.

25 **(8) A vehicle that has a declared gross vehicle weight with any towed unit of forty-**
26 **four thousand and one (44,001) pounds or greater shall not be driven in the left**
27 **lane of any limited access highway of three (3) lanes or more with a posted speed**

- 1 limit of at least sixty-five (65) miles per hour, except when:
- 2 (a) Entering or exiting the highway from the left;
- 3 (b) Necessary during construction or repair; or
- 4 (c) Traffic conditions exist which would prohibit safe use of the right or center
- 5 lanes.

- 6 ~~(9)~~(8) (a) The operator of a motor vehicle shall not follow another vehicle more
- 7 closely than is reasonable and prudent, having regard for the speed of the
- 8 vehicle and the traffic upon and condition of the highway.
- 9 (b) The operator of any motor truck, semitrailer truck, bus, or heavy construction
- 10 equipment unit, when traveling upon a highway outside of a business or
- 11 residential district, shall not follow within two hundred fifty (250) feet of
- 12 another such vehicle or equipment unit. This subsection shall not prevent
- 13 overtaking and passing, nor shall it apply to any lane specially designated for
- 14 use of motor trucks or semitrailer trucks, buses or heavy construction
- 15 equipment units.