

1 AN ACT relating to the operation of a motor vehicle.

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) (a) Vehicles overtaking a bicycle or electric low-speed scooter proceeding in the
10 same direction shall:
- 11 1. If there is more than one (1) lane for traffic proceeding in the same
12 direction, move the vehicle to the immediate left, if the lane is available
13 and moving in the lane is reasonably safe; or
 - 14 2. If there is only one (1) lane for traffic proceeding in the same direction,
15 pass to the left of the bicycle or electric low-speed scooter at a distance
16 of not less than three (3) feet between any portion of the vehicle and the
17 bicycle or electric low-speed scooter and maintain that distance until
18 safely past the overtaken bicycle or electric low-speed scooter. If space
19 on the roadway is not available to have a minimum distance of three (3)
20 feet between the vehicle and the bicycle or electric low-speed scooter,
21 then the driver of the passing vehicle shall use reasonable caution in
22 passing the bicyclist or electric low-speed scooter operator.
- 23 (b) The driver of a motor vehicle may drive to the left of the center of a roadway,
24 including when a no-passing zone is marked in accordance with subsection (6)
25 of this section, to pass a person operating a bicycle or electric low-speed
26 scooter only if the roadway to the left of the center is unobstructed for a
27 sufficient distance to permit the driver to pass the person operating the bicycle

1 or electric low-speed scooter safely and avoid interference with oncoming
2 traffic. This paragraph does not authorize driving on the left side of the center
3 of the roadway when otherwise prohibited under state law.

4 (c) The operator of a bicycle or electric low-speed scooter shall not ride more
5 than two (2) abreast on a single highway lane unless operating on any part of
6 the roadway marked exclusively for bicycle use. Persons riding two (2)
7 abreast shall not impede the normal and reasonable movement of traffic.

8 (3) The operator of a vehicle may overtake and pass upon the right of another vehicle
9 only under the following conditions:

10 (a) When the vehicle overtaken is making or about to make a left turn;

11 (b) Upon a roadway with unobstructed pavement of sufficient width for two (2) or
12 more lines of vehicles moving lawfully in the direction being traveled by the
13 overtaking vehicle.

14 (4) The operator of a vehicle may overtake and pass another vehicle upon the right only
15 under conditions permitting that movement~~[such movements]~~ in safety, and that~~[-~~
16 ~~Such]~~ movement shall not be made by driving off the roadway unless passing
17 vehicle comes to a complete stop and that~~[such]~~ movement may be made safely.

18 (5) No vehicle shall be driven to the left side of the center of the roadway in overtaking
19 and passing another vehicle proceeding in the same direction unless the left side is
20 clearly visible and free of oncoming traffic for a sufficient distance ahead to permit
21 overtaking and passing to be completely made without interfering with the safe
22 operation of any vehicle approaching from the opposite direction or any vehicle
23 overtaken. In every event, the overtaking vehicle must return to the right-hand side
24 of the roadway before coming within two hundred (200) feet of any vehicle
25 approaching from the opposite direction.

26 (6) The commissioner of highways is hereby authorized to determine those portions of
27 any highway where overtaking and passing or driving to the left of the roadway

1 would be especially hazardous and may by appropriate signs or markings on the
2 roadway indicate the beginning and end of ~~these~~^[such] zones, and when~~[-such]~~
3 signs or markings are in place and clearly visible to an ordinarily observant person,
4 every driver of a vehicle shall obey ~~their~~^[the] directions~~[-thereof]~~, except as
5 provided for in subsection (2)(b) of this section.

6 (7) 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
13 lane 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
18 designated lane or allocating specified lanes to traffic moving in the same
19 direction and operators of vehicles shall obey the directions of ~~those~~^[such]
20 signs.

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

26 (b) On limited access highways with three (3) or more lanes allowing for
27 movement in the same direction, the Secretary of the Transportation

1 *Cabinet may designate specific lanes where trucks with more than six (6)*
2 *wheels shall not travel. Notification of lane restrictions under this*
3 *paragraph shall be by official signs erected by the cabinet, and operators of*
4 *vehicles shall obey those signs.*

5 (9) (a) Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this subsection, the operator of a motor
6 vehicle shall not follow another vehicle more closely than is reasonable and
7 prudent, having regard for the speed of the vehicle and the traffic upon and
8 condition of the highway.

9 (b) Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this subsection, the operator of any
10 motor truck, semitrailer truck, bus, or heavy construction equipment unit,
11 when traveling upon a highway outside of a business or residential district,
12 shall not follow within two hundred fifty (250) feet of another ~~such~~ vehicle
13 or equipment unit. This subsection shall not prevent overtaking and passing,
14 nor shall it apply to any lane specially designated for use of motor trucks or
15 semitrailer trucks, buses or heavy construction equipment units.

16 (c) Paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subsection shall not apply to a trailing
17 commercial motor vehicle involved in a platoon as defined in KRS 281.010,
18 but shall apply to the commercial motor vehicle leading a platoon.