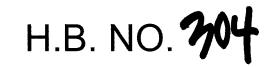
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE, 2023 STATE OF HAWAII



A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE STATEWIDE TRAFFIC CODE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that large and high-2 passenger vehicles pose an undue risk to public safety when allowed in the left-hand lane of public highways. High-speed 3 4 lane changes are widely considered to be among the most 5 dangerous maneuvers, especially with regard to motorcyclists, whom the drivers of large semi-trucks may find difficult to see. 6 7 In addition, efficiency suffers as trucks, trailers, and buses 8 cause congestion to the more nimble vehicles behind them. 9 The purpose of this Act is to prohibit large and high-10 passenger vehicles from using the left-hand lane, or close to

11 the left-hand curb or edge, of roadways.

SECTION 2. Chapter 291C, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to part XII to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

15 "§291C- Driving in left-hand lane or along left curb or 16 edge; prohibitions. (a) Notwithstanding any contrary provision



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1	in part XV	VII, no person driving a vehicle with more than four
2	wheels or	a high-passenger car shall travel:
3	(1)	In the extreme left-hand lane of a roadway if the
4		roadway is clearly marked for two or more lanes of
5		traffic moving in the same direction; or
6	(2)	Closer to the left-hand curb or left-hand edge than
7		the right-hand curb or right-hand edge of a roadway if
8		the roadway is not clearly marked for two or more
9		lanes.
10	(b)	Subsection (a) shall not apply when:
11	(1)	Traveling a distance not to exceed one thousand feet
12		when preparing for a left turn at an intersection or
13		into a private road or driveway; or
14	(2)	Directed by a police officer or any other person
15		authorized to direct, control, or regulate traffic.
16	(c)	Except as otherwise provided in subsection (d), in
17	case of a	conflict between this section and part XVII, this
18	section shall prevail.	
19	(d)	Nothing in this section shall prohibit a person who
20	operates	a public transportation vehicle from traveling in a



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1	lane that has been designated as a high-occupancy vehicle lane
2	or zipper lane by the department of transportation.
3	(e) For the purposes of this section, "high-passenger car"
4	means a passenger car, as defined in section 286-2, designed for
5	carrying at least eleven passengers."
6	SECTION 3. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
7	matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
8	begun before its effective date.
9	SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.
10	SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
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Report Title:

Statewide Traffic Code; Left-Hand Lane; Large and High-Passenger Vehicles; Exemptions

Description:

Prohibits drivers from operating vehicles with more than four wheels and high-passenger cars in the left-hand lane, or close to the left-hand curb or left-hand edge, of roadways. Exempts drivers operating public transportation vehicles in high-occupancy vehicle lanes or zipper lanes.

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