
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TRAFFIC RULES.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 291C-49, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "**§291C-49 Driving on laned roadways [~~laned for traffic~~];**
4 **requiring heavy trucks to drive within the right-hand lane.** (a)

5 Whenever driving on any laned roadway [~~has been divided into two~~
6 ~~or more clearly marked lanes for traffic~~] the following rules in
7 addition to all others consistent herewith shall apply:

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

12 (2) Upon a roadway which is divided into three lanes and
13 provides for two-way movement of traffic, a vehicle
14 shall not be driven in the center lane except when
15 overtaking and passing another vehicle traveling in
16 the same direction when the center lane is clear of
17 traffic within a safe distance, or in preparation for



1 making a left turn or where the center lane is at the
2 time allocated exclusively to traffic moving in the
3 same direction that the vehicle is proceeding and such
4 allocation is designated by official traffic-control
5 devices;

6 (3) Official traffic-control devices may be erected
7 directing specified traffic to use a designated lane
8 or designating those lanes to be used by traffic
9 moving in a particular direction regardless of the
10 center of the roadway and drivers of vehicles shall
11 obey the directions of every such device; [~~and~~]

12 (4) Official traffic-control devices may be installed
13 prohibiting the changing of lanes on sections of
14 roadway and drivers of vehicles shall obey the
15 directions of every such device; and

16 Upon an interstate highway, a heavy truck shall be
17 driven as nearly as practicable entirely within the
18 right-hand lane, except when making a left turn or
19 when an obstruction exists making it necessary to
20 drive to the left of the right-hand lane; provided
21 that the heavy truck shall not be moved from the lane



1 until the driver has first ascertained that the
2 movement can be made safely.

3 As used in this paragraph:

4 "Heavy truck" means any motor vehicle having a gross
5 vehicle weight rating of more than ten thousand pounds, designed
6 or used primarily for the carriage of property other than
7 effects of the driver or passengers, and includes a motor
8 vehicle to which has been added a box, platform, or other
9 equipment for such carriage.

10 "Interstate highway" means the Dwight D. Eisenhower
11 National System of Interstate and Defense Highways, which is a
12 network of freeways that forms a part of the National Highway
13 System of the United States.

14 (b) [~~provided that this~~] This section shall not be
15 construed to prohibit the maneuvering and driving of a two-
16 wheeled motorcycle onto and upon a designated shoulder in a
17 manner pursuant to section 291C-54(b)."

18 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
19 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.



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1 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Traffic Rules; Heavy Trucks; Right Lane; Highways

Description:

Requires heavy trucks having a gross vehicle weight rating of more than 10,000 pounds to drive within the right-hand lane of an interstate highway except when the heavy truck is turning left or avoiding an obstruction.

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