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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1849

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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING WHEN A VEHICLE MAY
10 BE DRIVEN UPON THE LEFT LANE OF A MULTILANE HIGHWAY;
11 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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16 VEHICLE MAY BE DRIVEN UPON THE LEFT LANE
17 OF A MULTILANE HIGHWAY.
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 27-51-301(a) and (b), concerning the
23 exceptions to the requirement that vehicles be driven on the right side of a
24 multilane roadway, is amended to read as follows:

25 ~~(b) Motor vehicles shall not be operated continuously in the left lane~~
26 ~~of a multilane roadway whenever it impedes the flow of other traffic~~

27 Except as otherwise provided in this section, a vehicle shall not be
28 driven upon the left lane of a multilane highway, except as follows:

29 (1) When overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding in
30 the same direction under the rules governing that movement;

31 (2) When all other lanes for traveling in the same direction are
32 closed to traffic while under construction or repair;

33 (3) When all other lanes for traveling in the same direction are
34 in disrepair or are in an otherwise undrivable or unsafe condition; or

35 (4) When a vehicle is preparing to exit the multilane highway on
36 the left.



1 ~~(c)(1) The Arkansas Department of Transportation may designate~~
2 ~~certain multilane highways or portions of multilane highways as prohibiting~~
3 ~~continuous driving in the left lane except in those instances described in~~
4 ~~subsection (a) of this section.~~

5 ~~(2) For those multilane highways or portions of multilane~~
6 ~~highways described in subdivision (c)(1) of this section and designated by~~
7 ~~the department, the department shall erect periodic signs along the multilane~~
8 ~~highway or portion of the multilane highway that notify the public of the~~
9 ~~prohibition.~~

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