

# SENATE BILL No. 104

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 9-21-8-11.

**Synopsis:** Driving in the left lane. Makes it a Class C infraction for a vehicle to be driven continuously in the left lane of a laned roadway if it impedes the flow of other traffic. Requires a person who drives a vehicle in the left lane that impedes the flow of traffic to move it to the right lane when the movement can be made with safety.

**Effective:** July 1, 1998.

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## Meeks

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January 8, 1998, read first time and referred to Committee on Corrections, Criminal and Civil Procedures.

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Introduced

Second Regular Session 110th General Assembly (1998)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 1997 General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning motor vehicles.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 9-21-8-11 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1998]: Sec. 11. Whenever a roadway  
3 has been divided into three (3) or more clearly marked lanes for traffic,  
4 the following rules apply:  
5 (1) A vehicle shall be driven as nearly as practicable entirely within  
6 a single lane and may not be moved from the lane until the person  
7 who drives the vehicle has first ascertained that the movement can  
8 be made with safety.  
9 (2) Upon a roadway that is divided into three (3) lanes, a vehicle  
10 may not be driven in the center lane except under any of the  
11 following conditions:  
12 (A) When overtaking and passing another vehicle where the  
13 roadway is clearly visible and the center lane is clear of traffic  
14 within a safe distance.  
15 (B) In preparation for a left turn.  
16 (C) Where the center lane is at the time allocated exclusively to  
17 traffic moving in the direction the vehicle is proceeding and is

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- 1 signposted to give notice of the allocation.
- 2 (3) Official signs may be erected directing slow-moving traffic to
- 3 use a designated lane or allocating specified lanes to traffic moving
- 4 in the same direction. A person who drives a vehicle shall obey the
- 5 directions of each sign.
- 6 **(4) A vehicle may not be driven continuously in the left lane of**
- 7 **a roadway that has more than one (1) lane designated or**
- 8 **allocated to traffic moving in the same direction if the vehicle**
- 9 **impedes the flow of other traffic. A person who drives a vehicle**
- 10 **in the left lane of a roadway described in this subdivision that**
- 11 **impedes the flow of traffic must move the vehicle to the right**
- 12 **lane when the movement can be made with safety.**

