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SENATE BILL No. 104

DIGEST OF SB0104 (Updated January 14, 1998 5:57 pm - DI 76)

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.

Meeks, Alexa

January 6, 1998, read first time and referred to Committee on Corrections, Criminal and Civil Procedures.
January 15, 1998, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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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
3 roadway has been divided into three (3) or more clearly marked lanes
4 for traffic, the following rules apply:
- 5 (1) A vehicle shall be driven as nearly as practicable entirely
6 within a single lane and may not be moved from the lane until the
7 person who drives the vehicle has first ascertained that the
8 movement can 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
17 to traffic moving in the direction the vehicle is proceeding and

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1 is 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
4 moving in the same direction. A person who drives a vehicle shall
5 obey the 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**
10 **vehicle in the left lane of a roadway described in this**
11 **subdivision that impedes the flow of traffic must move the**
12 **vehicle to the right lane when the movement can be made with**
13 **safety.**

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SENATE MOTION

Mr. President: I move that Senator Alexa be added as second author
of Senate Bill 104.

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. President: The Senate Committee on Corrections, Criminal and Civil Procedures, to which was referred Senate Bill 104, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill DO PASS.

(Reference is made to Senate Bill 104 as introduced.)

MEEKS, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 7, Nays 1.

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