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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Transportation and Transit Policy and Oversight Division

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to traffic regulations; specifying lane into which left turns must be
1.3 made; making clarifying changes; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section
1.4 169.19, subdivision 1.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 169.19, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.7 Subdivision 1. Turning at intersection. The driver of a vehicle intending to turn
1.8 at an intersection shall do so as follows:

1.9 (a) Both the approach for a right turn and a right turn shall be made as close as
1.10 practicable to the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway.

1.11 (b) The approach for a left turn on other than one-way roadways shall be made
1.12 in that portion of from the designated left-turn lane or, if no designated left-turn lane,
1.13 from the lane to the right half of the roadway and nearest to the centerline thereof, of the
1.14 roadway being exited and, after entering the intersection, the left turn shall be made so as
1.15 to leave the intersection by entering the lane to the right of and nearest to the centerline
1.16 of the roadway being entered. Whenever practicable the left turn shall be made in that
1.17 portion of the intersection to the left of the center of the intersection.

1.18 (c) The approach for a left turn from a two-way roadway into a one-way roadway
1.19 shall be made in that portion of from the designated left-turn lane or, if no designated
1.20 left-turn lane, from the lane to the right half of the roadway and nearest to the centerline
1.21 thereof of the roadway being exited and by passing to the right of such that centerline
1.22 where it enters the intersection.

1.23 (d) A left turn from a one-way roadway into a two-way roadway shall be made from
1.24 the left hand lane and by passing to the right of the centerline of the roadway being entered

2.1 and, upon leaving the intersection, by entering the lane to the right of and nearest to the  
2.2 centerline of the roadway being entered.

2.3 (e) Where both streets or roadways are one way, both the approach for a left turn and  
2.4 a left turn shall be made as close as practicable to the left-hand curb or edge of the roadway.

2.5 (f) Local authorities in their respective jurisdictions may cause markers, buttons, or  
2.6 signs to be placed within or adjacent to intersections and thereby require and direct that a  
2.7 different course from that specified in this section be traveled by vehicles turning at an  
2.8 intersection, and when markers, buttons, or signs are so placed no driver of a vehicle ~~shall~~  
2.9 may turn a vehicle at an intersection other than as directed and required by ~~such~~ those  
2.10 markers, buttons, or signs.

2.11 (g) ~~Whenever it is~~ When necessary for the driver of a motor vehicle to cross a  
2.12 bicycle lane adjacent to the driver's lane of travel to make a turn, the driver shall drive  
2.13 the motor vehicle into the bicycle lane prior to making the turn, and shall make the turn,  
2.14 yielding the right-of-way to any vehicles approaching so close ~~thereto~~ as to constitute an  
2.15 immediate hazard.