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01/28/2019	194	Introduction and first reading Referred to Transportation Finance and Policy
03/13/2019		Comm report: To pass as amended and re-refer to Judiciary and Public Safety Finance and Policy

- 1.1 A bill for an act
- 1.2 relating to transportation; allowing an increase in speed for passing on multilane
- 1.3 roads; prohibiting vehicles from driving in the left-most lane on multilane roads;
- 1.4 providing a penalty; requiring a public awareness campaign; amending Minnesota
- 1.5 Statutes 2018, sections 169.14, subdivision 2a; 169.18, subdivision 1; repealing
- 1.6 Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 169.18, subdivision 10.
- 1.7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
- 1.8 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 169.14, subdivision 2a, is amended to read:
- 1.9 Subd. 2a. **Increased speed limit when passing.** (a) Notwithstanding subdivision 2, the
- 1.10 speed limit is increased by ten miles per hour over the posted speed limit when the driver:
- 1.11 (1) is on a two-lane highway having one lane for each direction of travel;
- 1.12 (2) is on a highway with a posted speed limit that is equal to or higher than 55 miles per
- 1.13 hour;
- 1.14 (3) is overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding in the same direction of travel;
- 1.15 and
- 1.16 (4) meets the requirements in section 169.18.
- 1.17 (b) Notwithstanding subdivision 2, the speed limit is increased by five miles per hour
- 1.18 over the posted speed limit when the driver:
- 1.19 (1) is on a highway having two or more lanes for each direction of travel;
- 1.20 (2) is on a highway with a posted speed limit that is equal to or higher than 55 miles per
- 1.21 hour;

2.1 (3) is overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding in the same direction of travel;
2.2 and
2.3 (4) meets the requirements in section 169.18.

2.4 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 169.18, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

2.5 Subdivision 1. **Keep to the right.** (a) Upon all roadways of sufficient width a vehicle
2.6 shall be driven upon the right half of the roadway, except as follows:

2.7 (1) when overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding in the same direction under
2.8 the rules governing such movement;

2.9 (2) when the right half of a roadway is closed to traffic while under construction or
2.10 repair;

2.11 (3) upon a roadway divided into three marked lanes for traffic under the rules applicable
2.12 thereon;

2.13 (4) upon a roadway designated and signposted for one-way traffic as a one-way roadway;

2.14 (5) as necessary to comply with subdivision 11 when approaching an authorized
2.15 emergency vehicle parked or stopped on the roadway; or

2.16 (6) as necessary to comply with subdivision 12 when approaching a road maintenance
2.17 or construction vehicle parked or stopped on the roadway.

2.18 (b) Upon a roadway with two or more lanes in the same direction, a person must not
2.19 drive a vehicle in the left-most lane if another vehicle is immediately behind the first vehicle,
2.20 except if:

2.21 (1) the vehicle is overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding in the same direction;

2.22 (2) the vehicle is preparing to turn left at an intersection or into a private road or driveway;

2.23 (3) a specific lane is designated and posted for a specific type of traffic;

2.24 (4) the vehicle is preparing to exit a controlled-access highway by using an exit on the
2.25 left side of the road or the vehicle is entering a controlled-access highway by using an
2.26 on-ramp that enters on the left side of the road;

2.27 (5) when traffic conditions, congestion, inclement weather, or hazards make it impractical;

2.28 (6) the vehicle is a law enforcement vehicle, ambulance, or other emergency vehicle
2.29 engaged in official duties; or

2.30 (7) the vehicle is engaged in highway maintenance or construction operations.

3.1 If a person is driving a vehicle in the left-most lane to overtake or pass a vehicle as provided
3.2 in clause (1) and another vehicle approaches the first vehicle in the same lane from behind,
3.3 the first vehicle must exit the left-most lane as soon as possible.

3.4 (c) A person who violates this subdivision must pay a fine of not less than \$100.

3.5 Sec. 3. **PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN.**

3.6 The commissioner of public safety must conduct a public awareness campaign to inform
3.7 the public about the prohibition on driving in the left-most lane, as provided in Minnesota
3.8 Statutes, section 169.18, subdivision 1.

3.9 Sec. 4. **REPEALER.**

3.10 Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 169.18, subdivision 10, is repealed.

169.18 DRIVING RULES.

Subd. 10. **Slow-moving vehicle.** Upon all roadways any vehicle proceeding at less than the normal speed of traffic at the time and place and under the conditions then existing shall be driven in the right-hand lane then available for traffic, or as close as practicable to the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway, except when overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding in the same direction, or when preparing for a left turn at an intersection or into a private road or driveway, or when a specific lane is designated and posted for a specific type of traffic.