

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 56th Legislature (2017)

4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
5 FOR  
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 2312

By: McCall

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8 An Act relating to motor vehicles; amending 47 O.S.  
9 2011, Section 11-309, which relates to driving on  
10 roadways laned for traffic; adding restrictions for  
11 the use of the left-hand lane; and providing an  
12 effective date.

13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

14 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 11-309, is  
15 amended to read as follows:

16 Section 11-309. Whenever any roadway has been divided into two  
17 or more clearly marked lanes for traffic, the following requirements  
18 in addition to all others consistent herewith shall apply.

19 1. A vehicle shall be driven as nearly as practicable entirely  
20 within a single lane.

21 2. A vehicle shall not be moved from the lane until the driver  
22 has first ascertained that the movement can be made with safety and  
23 then given a signal, not less than the last one hundred (100) feet  
24 traveled by the vehicle, of his intention to change lanes.

1           3. Upon a roadway which is divided into three lanes, a vehicle  
2 shall not be driven in the center lane except when overtaking and  
3 passing another vehicle where the roadway is clearly visible and the  
4 center lane is clear of traffic within a safe distance, or in  
5 preparation for a left turn or where the center lane is at the time  
6 allocated exclusively to traffic moving in the direction the vehicle  
7 is proceeding and is signposted to give notice of the allocation.

8           4. A two-way left-turn lane is a lane near the center of the  
9 highway set aside for use by vehicles making left turns in both  
10 directions from or into the roadway. Two-way left-turn lanes shall  
11 be designated by distinctive roadway markings consisting of parallel  
12 double yellow lines, interior line dashed and exterior line solid,  
13 on each side of the lane. A vehicle shall not be driven in a  
14 designated two-way left-turn lane except when preparing for or  
15 making a left turn from or into a roadway. Vehicles turning left  
16 from the roadway shall not be driven in the two-way left-turn lane  
17 for more than two hundred (200) feet while preparing for and making  
18 the turn. A vehicle turning left onto the roadway may utilize the  
19 two-way left-turn lane as a staging area by stopping and waiting for  
20 traffic proceeding in the same direction to clear before merging  
21 into the adjacent lanes of travel. A left turn shall not be made  
22 from any other lane where a two-way left-turn lane has been  
23 designated. Provided, however, this section shall not prohibit  
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1 driving across a two-way left-turn lane when moving from a service  
2 drive onto such marked roadway.

3 5. Upon a roadway which is divided into four or more lanes, a  
4 vehicle ~~shall not impede the normal flow of traffic by driving in~~  
5 ~~the left lane~~ shall not be driven in the left lane except when  
6 overtaking and passing another vehicle; provided, however, this  
7 paragraph shall not prohibit driving in a the left lane ~~other than~~  
8 ~~the right-hand lane~~ when traffic conditions ~~or,~~ flow, ~~or both,~~ or  
9 road configuration, such as the potential of merging traffic or road  
10 conditions, require the use of ~~lanes other than the right-hand~~ the  
11 left lane to maintain safe traffic conditions.

12 6. Official signs may be erected directing slow-moving traffic  
13 to use a designated lane or designating those lanes to be used by  
14 traffic moving in a particular direction regardless of the center of  
15 the roadway, and drivers of vehicles shall obey the directions of  
16 every such sign.

17 Any person convicted of violating any provision of this section  
18 shall be punished as provided for in Section 17-101 of this title.

19 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2017.  
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21 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, dated 02/09/2017 -  
22 DO PASS, As Amended.  
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