

1 **VEHICLE MERGER AMENDMENTS**

2 2022 GENERAL SESSION

3 STATE OF UTAH

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8 **LONG TITLE**

9 **General Description:**

10 This bill modifies traffic code provisions relating to vehicle merging.

11 **Highlighted Provisions:**

12 This bill:

13 ▶ requires an operator of a vehicle to use the zipper method when two traffic lanes  
14 merge into one traffic lane.

15 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

16 None

17 **Other Special Clauses:**

18 None

19 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

20 ENACTS:

21 **41-6a-903.1**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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22 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

23 Section 1. Section **41-6a-903.1** is enacted to read:

24 **41-6a-903.1. Right-of-way -- Zipper merge.**

25 (1) As used in this section:

28           (a) "Merge point" means the point at which two traffic lanes merge into one traffic  
29 lane.

30           (b) "Zipper method" means a method of merging vehicles at a merge point that  
31 involves the operators of the merging vehicles:

32           (i) using both lanes of traffic until the vehicles reach the merge point; and

33           (ii) once the vehicles reach the merge point, alternating yielding the right-of-way into  
34 the single traffic lane.

35           (2) An operator of a vehicle shall use the zipper method when merging at a congested  
36 merge point.

37           (3) A violation of this section is an infraction.