1	MOTOR VEHICLE CODE AMENDMENTS
2	2017 GENERAL SESSION
3	STATE OF UTAH
4	Chief Sponsor: Gage Froerer
5	Senate Sponsor:
6 7	LONG TITLE
8	General Description:
9	This bill amends the traffic code to allow certain motorcycles to pass another vehicle in
10	the same lane, under certain circumstances.
11	Highlighted Provisions:
12	This bill:
13	• creates a definition for lane $\hat{H} \rightarrow [splitting]$ filtering $\leftarrow \hat{H}$ ;
14	▶ amends the traffic code to allow for lane $\hat{H}$ → [splitting] filtering ← $\hat{H}$ under certain
4a	circumstances when
15	operating certain motorcycles on roadways divided into two or more adjacent traffic
16	lanes in the same direction of travel; and
17	<ul><li>makes technical changes.</li></ul>
18	Money Appropriated in this Bill:
19	None
20	Other Special Clauses:
21	None
22	<b>Utah Code Sections Affected:</b>
23	AMENDS:
24	41-6a-102, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2016, Chapters 40 and 173
25	41-6a-704, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2015, Chapter 412
26	41-6a-710, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2015, Chapter 412
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28	Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:
29	Section 1. Section 41-6a-102 is amended to read:
30	41-6a-102. Definitions.
31	As used in this chapter:
32	(1) "Alley" means a street or highway intended to provide access to the rear or side of
33	lots or buildings in urban districts and not intended for through vehicular traffic.
34	(2) "All-terrain type I vehicle" means the same as that term is defined in Section
35	41-22-2.
36	(3) "Authorized emergency vehicle" includes:
37	(a) fire department vehicles;
38	(b) police vehicles;
39	(c) ambulances; and
40	(d) other publicly or privately owned vehicles as designated by the commissioner of the
41	Department of Public Safety.
42	(4) "Autocycle" means the same as that term is defined in Section 53-3-102.
43	(5) (a) "Bicycle" means a wheeled vehicle:
44	(i) propelled by human power by feet or hands acting upon pedals or cranks;
45	(ii) with a seat or saddle designed for the use of the operator;
46	(iii) designed to be operated on the ground; and
47	(iv) whose wheels are not less than 14 inches in diameter.
48	(b) "Bicycle" includes an electric assisted bicycle.
49	(c) "Bicycle" does not include scooters and similar devices.
50	(6) (a) "Bus" means a motor vehicle:
51	(i) designed for carrying more than 15 passengers and used for the transportation of
52	persons; or
53	(ii) designed and used for the transportation of persons for compensation.
54	(b) "Bus" does not include a taxicab.
55	(7) (a) "Circular intersection" means an intersection that has an island, generally
56	circular in design, located in the center of the intersection where traffic passes to the right of
57	the island.
58	(b) "Circular intersection" includes:

59	(1) roundabouts;
60	(ii) rotaries; and
61	(iii) traffic circles.
62	(8) "Class 1 electric assisted bicycle" means an electric assisted bicycle described in
63	Subsection (16)(d)(i).
64	(9) "Class 2 electric assisted bicycle" means an electric assisted bicycle described in
65	Subsection (16)(d)(ii).
66	(10) "Class 3 electric assisted bicycle" means an electric assisted bicycle described in
67	Subsection (16)(d)(iii).
68	(11) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of the Department of Public Safety.
69	(12) "Controlled-access highway" means a highway, street, or roadway:
70	(a) designed primarily for through traffic; and
71	(b) to or from which owners or occupants of abutting lands and other persons have no
72	legal right of access, except at points as determined by the highway authority having
73	jurisdiction over the highway, street, or roadway.
74	(13) "Crosswalk" means:
75	(a) that part of a roadway at an intersection included within the connections of the
76	lateral lines of the sidewalks on opposite sides of the highway measured from:
77	(i) (A) the curbs; or
78	(B) in the absence of curbs, from the edges of the traversable roadway; and
79	(ii) in the absence of a sidewalk on one side of the roadway, that part of a roadway
80	included within the extension of the lateral lines of the existing sidewalk at right angles to the
81	centerline; or
82	(b) any portion of a roadway at an intersection or elsewhere distinctly indicated for
83	pedestrian crossing by lines or other markings on the surface.
84	(14) "Department" means the Department of Public Safety.
85	(15) "Direct supervision" means oversight at a distance within which:
86	(a) visual contact is maintained; and
87	(b) advice and assistance can be given and received.
88	(16) "Divided highway" means a highway divided into two or more roadways by:
89	(a) an unpaved intervening space;

90	(b) a physical barrier; or
91	(c) a clearly indicated dividing section constructed to impede vehicular traffic.
92	(17) "Electric assisted bicycle" means a bicycle with an electric motor that:
93	(a) has a power output of not more than 750 watts;
94	(b) has fully operable pedals on permanently affixed cranks;
95	(c) is fully operable as a bicycle without the use of the electric motor; and
96	(d) is one of the following:
97	(i) an electric assisted bicycle equipped with a motor or electronics that:
98	(A) provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling; and
99	(B) ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 20 miles per
100	hour;
101	(ii) an electric assisted bicycle equipped with a motor or electronics that:
102	(A) may be used exclusively to propel the bicycle; and
103	(B) is not capable of providing assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 20
104	miles per hour; or
105	(iii) an electric assisted bicycle equipped with a motor or electronics that:
106	(A) provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling;
107	(B) ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 28 miles per
108	hour; and
109	(C) is equipped with a speedometer.
110	(18) (a) "Electric personal assistive mobility device" means a self-balancing device
111	with:
112	(i) two nontandem wheels in contact with the ground;
113	(ii) a system capable of steering and stopping the unit under typical operating
114	conditions;
115	(iii) an electric propulsion system with average power of one horsepower or 750 watts;
116	(iv) a maximum speed capacity on a paved, level surface of 12.5 miles per hour; and
117	(v) a deck design for a person to stand while operating the device.
118	(b) "Electric personal assistive mobility device" does not include a wheelchair.
119	(19) "Explosives" means any chemical compound or mechanical mixture commonly
120	used or intended for the purpose of producing an explosion and that contains any oxidizing and

combustive units or other ingredients in proportions, quantities, or packing so that an ignition by fire, friction, concussion, percussion, or detonator of any part of the compound or mixture may cause a sudden generation of highly heated gases, and the resultant gaseous pressures are capable of producing destructive effects on contiguous objects or of causing death or serious bodily injury.

- (20) "Farm tractor" means a motor vehicle designed and used primarily as a farm implement, for drawing plows, mowing machines, and other implements of husbandry.
- (21) "Flammable liquid" means a liquid that has a flashpoint of 100 degrees F. or less, as determined by a tagliabue or equivalent closed-cup test device.
- (22) "Freeway" means a controlled-access highway that is part of the interstate system as defined in Section 72-1-102.
- 132 (23) (a) "Full-sized all-terrain vehicle" means any recreational vehicle designed for and 133 capable of travel over unimproved terrain:
- (i) traveling on four or more tires;
  - (ii) having a width that, when measured at the widest point of the vehicle:
- (A) is not less than 55 inches; or
- (B) does not exceed 92 inches;

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- (iii) having an unladen dry weight of 6,500 pounds or less;
- (iv) having a maximum seat height of 50 inches when measured at the forward edge of the seat bottom; and
- (v) having a steering wheel for control.
  - (b) "Full-sized all-terrain vehicle" does not include:
- (i) all-terrain type I vehicle;
- 144 (ii) a utility type vehicle;
- (iii) a motorcycle; or
- (iv) a snowmobile as defined in Section 41-22-2.
- 147 (24) "Gore area" means the area delineated by two solid white lines that is between a 148 continuing lane of a through roadway and a lane used to enter or exit the continuing lane 149 including similar areas between merging or splitting highways.
- 150 (25) "Gross weight" means the weight of a vehicle without a load plus the weight of any load on the vehicle.

152 (26) "Highway" means the entire width between property lines of every way or place of 153 any nature when any part of it is open to the use of the public as a matter of right for vehicular 154 travel. 155 (27) "Highway authority" means the same as that term is defined in Section 72-1-102. 156 (28) (a) "Intersection" means the area embraced within the prolongation or connection 157 of the lateral curblines, or, if none, then the lateral boundary lines of the roadways of two or 158 more highways which join one another. 159 (b) Where a highway includes two roadways 30 feet or more apart: 160 (i) every crossing of each roadway of the divided highway by an intersecting highway 161 is a separate intersection; and 162 (ii) if the intersecting highway also includes two roadways 30 feet or more apart, then 163 every crossing of two roadways of the highways is a separate intersection. 164 (c) "Intersection" does not include the junction of an alley with a street or highway. 165 (29) "Island" means an area between traffic lanes or at an intersection for control of 166 vehicle movements or for pedestrian refuge designated by: 167 (a) pavement markings, which may include an area designated by two solid yellow 168 lines surrounding the perimeter of the area; 169 (b) channelizing devices; 170 (c) curbs; 171 (d) pavement edges; or 172 (e) other devices. (30) "Lane  $\hat{H} \rightarrow [\frac{\text{splitting}}{\text{splitting}}]$  filtering  $\leftarrow \hat{H}$ " means, when operating a motorcycle, other than 173 173a an autocycle, the 174 act of overtaking and passing another vehicle moving in the same direction in the same lane. (31) "Law enforcement agency" means the same as that term is as defined in Section 175 176 53-1-102. 177 [(31)] (32) "Limited access highway" means a highway: 178 (a) that is designated specifically for through traffic; and 179 (b) over, from, or to which neither owners nor occupants of abutting lands nor other

[(32)] (33) "Local highway authority" means the legislative, executive, or governing

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183	body of a county, municipal, or other local board or body having authority to enact laws
184	relating to traffic under the constitution and laws of the state.
185	[(33)] (34) (a) "Low-speed vehicle" means a four wheeled electric motor vehicle that:
186	(i) is designed to be operated at speeds of not more than 25 miles per hour; and
187	(ii) has a capacity of not more than four passengers, including the driver.
188	(b) "Low-speed vehicle" does not include a golfcart or an off-highway vehicle.
189	[(34)] (35) "Metal tire" means a tire, the surface of which in contact with the highway
190	is wholly or partly of metal or other hard nonresilient material.
191	[(35)] (36) (a) "Mini-motorcycle" means a motorcycle or motor-driven cycle that has a
192	seat or saddle that is less than 24 inches from the ground as measured on a level surface with
193	properly inflated tires.
194	(b) "Mini-motorcycle" does not include a moped or a motor assisted scooter.
195	(c) "Mini-motorcycle" does not include a motorcycle that is:
196	(i) designed for off-highway use; and
197	(ii) registered as an off-highway vehicle under Section 41-22-3.
198	[ <del>(36)</del> ] <u>(37)</u> "Mobile home" means:
199	(a) a trailer or semitrailer that is:
200	(i) designed, constructed, and equipped as a dwelling place, living abode, or sleeping
201	place either permanently or temporarily; and
202	(ii) equipped for use as a conveyance on streets and highways; or
203	(b) a trailer or a semitrailer whose chassis and exterior shell is designed and
204	constructed for use as a mobile home, as defined in Subsection [ $(36)$ ] $(37)$ (a), but that is
205	instead used permanently or temporarily for:
206	(i) the advertising, sale, display, or promotion of merchandise or services; or
207	(ii) any other commercial purpose except the transportation of property for hire or the
208	transportation of property for distribution by a private carrier.
209	[(37)] (38) (a) "Moped" means a motor-driven cycle having:
210	(i) pedals to permit propulsion by human power; and
211	(ii) a motor that:
212	(A) produces not more than two brake horsepower; and
213	(B) is not capable of propelling the cycle at a speed in excess of 30 miles per hour on

214	level ground.
215	(b) If an internal combustion engine is used, the displacement may not exceed 50 cubic
216	centimeters and the moped shall have a power drive system that functions directly or
217	automatically without clutching or shifting by the operator after the drive system is engaged.
218	(c) "Moped" includes a motor assisted scooter.
219	(d) "Moped" does not include an electric assisted bicycle.
220	[(38)] (39) (a) "Motor assisted scooter" means a self-propelled device with:
221	(i) at least two wheels in contact with the ground;
222	(ii) a braking system capable of stopping the unit under typical operating conditions;
223	(iii) a gas or electric motor not exceeding 40 cubic centimeters;
224	(iv) either:
225	(A) a deck design for a person to stand while operating the device; or
226	(B) a deck and seat designed for a person to sit, straddle, or stand while operating the
227	device; and
228	(v) a design for the ability to be propelled by human power alone.
229	(b) "Motor assisted scooter" does not include an electric assisted bicycle.
230	[ <del>(39)</del> ] <u>(40)</u> "Motorcycle" means:
231	(a) a motor vehicle, other than a tractor, having a seat or saddle for the use of the rider
232	and designed to travel with not more than three wheels in contact with the ground; or
233	(b) an autocycle.
234	[(40)] (41) (a) "Motor-driven cycle" means every motorcycle, motor scooter, moped,
235	motor assisted scooter, and every motorized bicycle having:
236	(i) an engine with less than 150 cubic centimeters displacement; or
237	(ii) a motor that produces not more than five horsepower.
238	(b) "Motor-driven cycle" does not include:
239	(i) an electric personal assistive mobility device; or
240	(ii) an electric assisted bicycle.
241	[(41)] (42) (a) "Motor vehicle" means a vehicle that is self-propelled and every vehicle
242	which is propelled by electric power obtained from overhead trolley wires, but not operated
243	upon rails.
244	(b) "Motor vehicle" does not include vehicles moved solely by human power,

245	motorized wheelchairs, an electric personal assistive mobility device, or an electric assisted
246	bicycle.
247	[(42)] (43) "Off-highway implement of husbandry" means the same as that term is
248	defined under Section 41-22-2.
249	[(43)] (44) "Off-highway vehicle" means the same as that term is defined under Section
250	41-22-2.
251	[(44)] (45) "Operator" means a person who is in actual physical control of a vehicle.
252	[(45)] (46) (a) "Park" or "parking" means the standing of a vehicle, whether the vehicle
253	is occupied or not.
254	(b) "Park" or "parking" does not include the standing of a vehicle temporarily for the
255	purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading property or passengers.
256	[(46)] (47) "Peace officer" means a peace officer authorized under Title 53, Chapter 13,
257	Peace Officer Classifications, to direct or regulate traffic or to make arrests for violations of
258	traffic laws.
259	[ <del>(47)</del> ] <u>(48)</u> "Pedestrian" means a person traveling:
260	(a) on foot; or
261	(b) in a wheelchair.
262	[(48)] (49) "Pedestrian traffic-control signal" means a traffic-control signal used to
263	regulate pedestrians.
264	[(49)] (50) "Person" means every natural person, firm, copartnership, association, or
265	corporation.
266	[(50)] "Pole trailer" means every vehicle without motive power:
267	(a) designed to be drawn by another vehicle and attached to the towing vehicle by
268	means of a reach, or pole, or by being boomed or otherwise secured to the towing vehicle; and
269	(b) that is ordinarily used for transporting long or irregular shaped loads including
270	poles, pipes, or structural members generally capable of sustaining themselves as beams
271	between the supporting connections.
272	[(51)] (52) "Private road or driveway" means every way or place in private ownership
273	and used for vehicular travel by the owner and those having express or implied permission
274	from the owner, but not by other persons.
275	[(52)] (53) "Railroad" means a carrier of persons or property upon cars operated on

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[(53)] (54) "Railroad sign or signal" means a sign, signal, or device erected by authority of a public body or official or by a railroad and intended to give notice of the presence of railroad tracks or the approach of a railroad train.

[(54)] (55) "Railroad train" means a locomotive propelled by any form of energy, coupled with or operated without cars, and operated upon rails.

[(55)] (56) "Right-of-way" means the right of one vehicle or pedestrian to proceed in a lawful manner in preference to another vehicle or pedestrian approaching under circumstances of direction, speed, and proximity that give rise to danger of collision unless one grants precedence to the other.

[(56)] (57) (a) "Roadway" means that portion of highway improved, designed, or ordinarily used for vehicular travel.

- (b) "Roadway" does not include the sidewalk, berm, or shoulder, even though any of them are used by persons riding bicycles or other human-powered vehicles.
- (c) "Roadway" refers to any roadway separately but not to all roadways collectively, if a highway includes two or more separate roadways.

[(57)] (58) "Safety zone" means the area or space officially set apart within a roadway for the exclusive use of pedestrians and that is protected, marked, or indicated by adequate signs as to be plainly visible at all times while set apart as a safety zone.

[(58)] (59) (a) "School bus" means a motor vehicle that:

- (i) complies with the color and identification requirements of the most recent edition of "Minimum Standards for School Buses"; and
  - (ii) is used to transport school children to or from school or school activities.
- (b) "School bus" does not include a vehicle operated by a common carrier in transportation of school children to or from school or school activities.

[(59)] (60) (a) "Semitrailer" means a vehicle with or without motive power:

- 302 (i) designed for carrying persons or property and for being drawn by a motor vehicle; 303 and
  - (ii) constructed so that some part of its weight and that of its load rests on or is carried by another vehicle.
    - (b) "Semitrailer" does not include a pole trailer.

307	[ <del>(60)</del> ] <u>(61)</u> "Shoulder area" means:
308	(a) that area of the hard-surfaced highway separated from the roadway by a pavement
309	edge line as established in the current approved "Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices";
310	or
311	(b) that portion of the road contiguous to the roadway for accommodation of stopped
312	vehicles, for emergency use, and for lateral support.
313	[(61)] (62) "Sidewalk" means that portion of a street between the curb lines, or the
314	lateral lines of a roadway, and the adjacent property lines intended for the use of pedestrians.
315	[(62)] (63) "Solid rubber tire" means a tire of rubber or other resilient material that
316	does not depend on compressed air for the support of the load.
317	[(63)] (64) "Stand" or "standing" means the temporary halting of a vehicle, whether
318	occupied or not, for the purpose of and while actually engaged in receiving or discharging
319	passengers.
320	[(64)] (65) "Stop" when required means complete cessation from movement.
321	[(65)] (66) "Stop" or "stopping" when prohibited means any halting even momentarily
322	of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, except when:
323	(a) necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic; or
324	(b) in compliance with the directions of a peace officer or traffic-control device.
325	[(66)] (67) "Street-legal all-terrain vehicle" or "street-legal ATV" means an all-terrain
326	type I vehicle, utility type vehicle, or full-sized all-terrain vehicle that is modified to meet the
327	requirements of Section 41-6a-1509 to operate on highways in the state in accordance with
328	Section 41-6a-1509.
329	[(67)] (68) "Traffic" means pedestrians, ridden or herded animals, vehicles, and other
330	conveyances either singly or together while using any highway for the purpose of travel.
331	[(68)] (69) "Traffic-control device" means a sign, signal, marking, or device not
332	inconsistent with this chapter placed or erected by a highway authority for the purpose of
333	regulating, warning, or guiding traffic.
334	[(69)] (70) "Traffic-control signal" means a device, whether manually, electrically, or
335	mechanically operated, by which traffic is alternately directed to stop and permitted to proceed.
336	[(70)] (71) "Traffic signal preemption device" means an instrument or mechanism
337	designed, intended, or used to interfere with the operation or cycle of a traffic-control signal.

338	$\left[\frac{(71)}{(72)}\right]$ (a) "Trailer" means a vehicle with or without motive power designed for
339	carrying persons or property and for being drawn by a motor vehicle and constructed so that no
340	part of its weight rests upon the towing vehicle.
341	(b) "Trailer" does not include a pole trailer.
342	[ <del>(72)</del> ] (73) "Truck" means a motor vehicle designed, used, or maintained primarily for
343	the transportation of property.
344	[ <del>(73)</del> ] <u>(74)</u> "Truck tractor" means a motor vehicle:
345	(a) designed and used primarily for drawing other vehicles; and
346	(b) constructed to carry a part of the weight of the vehicle and load drawn by the truck
347	tractor.
348	$\left[\frac{(74)}{(75)}\right]$ "Two-way left turn lane" means a lane:
349	(a) provided for vehicle operators making left turns in either direction;
350	(b) that is not used for passing, overtaking, or through travel; and
351	(c) that has been indicated by a lane traffic-control device that may include lane
352	markings.
353	$\left[\frac{(75)}{(76)}\right]$ "Urban district" means the territory contiguous to and including any street,
354	in which structures devoted to business, industry, or dwelling houses are situated at intervals of
355	less than 100 feet, for a distance of a quarter of a mile or more.
356	[(76)] (77) (a) "Utility type vehicle" means any recreational vehicle designed for and
357	capable of travel over unimproved terrain:
358	(i) traveling on four or more tires;
359	(ii) having a width that, when measured at the widest point of the vehicle:
360	(A) is not less than 30 inches; or
361	(B) does not exceed 70 inches;
362	(iii) having an unladen dry weight of 2,200 pounds or less;
363	(iv) having a seat height of 20 to 40 inches when measured at the forward edge of the
364	seat bottom; and
365	(v) having side-by-side seating with a steering wheel for control.
366	(b) "Utility type vehicle" does not include:
367	(i) an all-terrain type I vehicle;
368	(ii) a motorcycle; or

369	(iii) a snowmobile as defined in Section 41-22-2.
370	[(77)] (78) "Vehicle" means a device in, on, or by which a person or property is or may
371	be transported or drawn on a highway, except devices used exclusively on stationary rails or
372	tracks.
373	Section 2. Section 41-6a-704 is amended to read:
374	41-6a-704. Overtaking and passing vehicles proceeding in same direction.
375	(1) (a) On any highway:
376	(i) the operator of a vehicle overtaking another vehicle proceeding in the same
377	direction shall:
378	(A) except as provided under Section 41-6a-705, promptly pass the overtaken vehicle
379	on the left at a safe distance; and
380	(B) enter a right-hand lane or the right side of the roadway only when safely clear of the
381	overtaken vehicle;
382	(ii) the operator of an overtaken vehicle:
383	(A) shall give way to the right in favor of the overtaking vehicle; and
384	(B) may not increase the speed of the vehicle until completely passed by the overtaking
385	vehicle.
386	(b) The exemption from the minimum speed regulations for a vehicle operating on a
387	grade under Section 41-6a-605 does not exempt the vehicle from promptly passing a vehicle as
388	required under Subsection (1)(a)(i)(A).
389	(2) On a highway having more than one lane in the same direction, the operator of a
390	vehicle traveling in the left general purpose lane:
391	(a) shall, upon being overtaken by another vehicle in the same lane, yield to the
392	overtaking vehicle by moving safely to a lane to the right; and
393	(b) may not impede the movement or free flow of traffic in the left general purpose
394	lane.
395	(3) An operator of a vehicle traveling in the left general purpose lane that has a vehicle
396	following directly behind the operator's vehicle at a distance so that less than two seconds
397	elapse before reaching the location of the operator's vehicle when space is available for the
398	operator to yield to the overtaking vehicle by traveling in the right-hand lane is prima facie
399	evidence that the operator is violating Subsection (2).

400	(4) The provisions of Subsection (2) do not apply to an operator of a vehicle traveling
401	in the left general purpose lane when:
402	(a) overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding in the same direction in
403	accordance with Subsection (1)(a)(i);
404	(b) preparing to turn left or taking a different highway or an exit on the left;
405	(c) responding to emergency conditions;
406	(d) avoiding actual or potential traffic moving onto the highway from an acceleration
407	or merging lane; or
408	(e) following the direction of a traffic-control device that directs the use of a designated
409	lane.
410	(5) On a roadway divided into two or more adjacent traffic lanes in the same direction
411	of travel, a person operating a motorcycle may engage in lane $\hat{H} \rightarrow [splitting]$ filtering $\leftarrow \hat{H}$ only
411a	when the following
412	conditions exist:
413	(a) the motorcycle is traveling at a speed of $\hat{H} \rightarrow [\underline{40}] \underline{35} \leftarrow \hat{H}$ miles per hour or less;
413a	Ĥ <b>→</b> [ <u>-and</u> ]
413b	(b) the motorcycle is traveling at a speed not more than 10 miles per hour faster than
413c	surrounding traffic; and
414	$[\underline{\textbf{(b)}}]$ (c) $\leftarrow \hat{H}$ the movement may be made safely.
415	[6] A violation of $[8]$ Subsection $(1)$ or $(2)$ Subsection $(1)$ , $(2)$ , or $(5)$ is an
416	infraction.
417	Section 3. Section <b>41-6a-710</b> is amended to read:
418	41-6a-710. Roadway divided into marked lanes Provisions Traffic-control
419	devices.
420	On a roadway divided into two or more clearly marked lanes for traffic the following
421	provisions apply and any violation of this section is an infraction:
422	(1) (a) [A] Except as provided in Subsection (1)(c), a person operating a vehicle:
423	(i) shall keep the vehicle as nearly as practical entirely within a single lane; and
424	(ii) may not move the vehicle from the lane until the operator has reasonably
425	determined the movement can be made safely.
426	(b) A determination under Subsection (1)(a)(ii) is reasonable if a reasonable person
427	acting under the same conditions and having regard for actual and potential hazards then
428	existing would determine that the movement could be made safely.
429	(c) On a roadway divided into two or more adjacent traffic lanes in the same direction
430	of travel, a person operating a motorcycle may engage in lane $\hat{H} \rightarrow [splitting]$ filtering $\leftarrow \hat{H}$ only
430a	when the following

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431	conditions exist:
432	(i) the motorcycle is traveling at a speed of $\hat{H} \rightarrow [\underline{40}] \ \underline{35} \leftarrow \hat{H}$ miles per hour or less;
432a	Ĥ <b>→</b> [ <u>-and</u> ]
432b	(ii) the motorcycle is traveling at a speed not more than 10 miles per hour faster than
432c	surrounding traffic; and
433	[ $(iii)$ ] ( $iii$ ) $\leftarrow \hat{H}$ the movement may be completed safely.
434	(2) (a) On a roadway divided into three or more lanes and providing for two-way
435	movement of traffic, a person operating a vehicle may not drive in the center lane except:
436	(i) when overtaking and passing another vehicle traveling in the same direction, and
437	when the center lane is:
438	(A) clear of traffic within a safe distance; and
439	(B) not a two-way left turn lane;
440	(ii) in preparation of making or completing a left turn in compliance with Section
441	41-6a-801; or
442	(iii) where the center lane is allocated exclusively to traffic moving in the same
443	direction that the vehicle is proceeding as indicated by traffic-control devices.
444	(b) Notwithstanding Subsection (2)(a)(i) and in accordance with Subsection (1)(a), a
445	person operating a vehicle may drive in a center lane that is a two-way left turn lane if:
446	(i) the center lane is:
447	(A) on a roadway divided into three or more lanes that provides for two-way
448	movement of traffic; and
449	(B) clear of traffic within a safe distance;
450	(ii) there is only one lane of travel in the direction the person operating the vehicle is
451	traveling; and
452	(iii) the person operating the vehicle is overtaking and passing a bicycle or moped that
453	is moving at less than the reasonable speed of traffic that is present.
454	(3) (a) A highway authority may erect traffic-control devices directing specified traffic
455	to use a designated lane or designating those lanes to be used by traffic moving in a particular
456	direction regardless of the center of the roadway.
457	(b) An operator of a vehicle shall obey the directions of a traffic-control device erected

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under Subsection (3)(a).

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