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CHAPTER 23
HOUSE BILL 2027

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTIONS 28-721 AND 28-723, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; AMENDING TITLE 28, CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE 9, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 28-777; RELATING TO DRIVING ON ROADWAYS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 28-721, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 28-721. Driving on right side of roadway; driving on shoulder;
5 exceptions

6 A. On all roadways of sufficient width, a person shall drive a vehicle
7 on the right half of the roadway except as follows:

8 1. When overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding in the same
9 direction under the rules governing the movement.

10 2. When the right half of a roadway is closed to traffic while under
11 construction or repair.

12 3. On a roadway divided into three marked lanes for traffic under the
13 rules applicable on the roadway.

14 4. On a roadway designated and signposted for one-way traffic.

15 B. On all roadways, a person driving a vehicle proceeding at less than
16 the normal speed of traffic at the time and place and under the conditions
17 then existing shall drive the vehicle in the right-hand lane then available
18 for traffic or as close as practicable to the right-hand curb or edge of the
19 roadway, except when overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding in the
20 same direction or when preparing for a left turn at an intersection or into a
21 private road or driveway.

22 C. IN AN AGE RESTRICTED COMMUNITY THAT IS LOCATED IN AN UNINCORPORATED
23 AREA OF A COUNTY WITH A POPULATION OF MORE THAN THREE MILLION PERSONS, A
24 PERSON MAY DRIVE A GOLF CART OR A NEIGHBORHOOD ELECTRIC VEHICLE ON A PAVED
25 SHOULDER THAT IS ADJACENT TO A ROADWAY OR AS CLOSE AS PRACTICABLE TO THE
26 RIGHT-HAND CURB OR EDGE OF A PAVED ROADWAY IF THERE IS NO DELINEATED PAVED
27 SHOULDER.

28 Sec. 2. Section 28-723, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

29 28-723. Overtaking a vehicle on the left

30 The following rules govern the overtaking and passing of vehicles
31 proceeding in the same direction:

32 1. The driver of a vehicle overtaking another vehicle proceeding in
33 the same direction shall pass to the left of the vehicle at a safe distance
34 and shall not again drive to the right side of the roadway until safely clear
35 of the overtaken vehicle. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 28-903, THE DRIVER
36 MAY OVERTAKE AND PASS A GOLF CART OR NEIGHBORHOOD ELECTRIC VEHICLE PURSUANT
37 TO THIS PARAGRAPH EVEN IF THE DRIVER'S VEHICLE SHARES A LANE WITH THE GOLF
38 CART OR NEIGHBORHOOD ELECTRIC VEHICLE WHEN THE OVERTAKING AND PASSING OCCUR.

39 2. Except when overtaking and passing on the right is permitted, the
40 driver of an overtaken vehicle shall give way to the right in favor of the
41 overtaking vehicle on audible signal or blinking of head lamps at nighttime
42 and shall not increase the speed of the overtaken vehicle until completely
43 passed by the overtaking vehicle.

1 Sec. 3. Title 28, chapter 3, article 9, Arizona Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding section 28-777, to read:

3 28-777. Golf carts and neighborhood electric vehicles; vehicles
4 turning right

5 A PERSON DRIVING A GOLF CART OR A NEIGHBORHOOD ELECTRIC VEHICLE
6 PURSUANT TO SECTION 28-721, SUBSECTION C SHALL YIELD THE RIGHT-OF-WAY TO A
7 VEHICLE THAT IS TRAVELLING IN THE SAME DIRECTION AND THAT IS INTENDING TO
8 TURN TO THE RIGHT.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR APRIL 15, 2014.

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