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roundabouts; right-of-way; large vehicles

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# HOUSE BILL 2288

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 28-729, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; AMENDING TITLE 28, CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE 9, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 28-778; RELATING TO TRAFFIC REGULATION.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Section 28-729, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:

4 28-729. Driving on roadways laned for traffic

5 If a roadway is divided into two or more clearly marked lanes for  
6 traffic, the following rules in addition to all others consistent with  
7 this section apply:

8 1. Except as provided in ~~section~~ SECTIONS 28-778 AND 28-903, a  
9 person shall drive a vehicle as nearly as practicable entirely within a  
10 single lane and shall not move the vehicle from that lane until the driver  
11 has first ascertained that the movement can be made with safety.

12 2. On a roadway that is divided into three lanes, a person shall  
13 not drive a vehicle in the center lane except when overtaking and passing  
14 another vehicle where the roadway is clearly visible and the center lane  
15 is clear of traffic within a safe distance, or in preparation for a left  
16 turn or where the center lane is at the time allocated exclusively to  
17 traffic moving in the direction the vehicle is proceeding and is  
18 signposted to give notice of the allocation.

19 3. Official signs may be erected directing slow-moving traffic to  
20 use a designated lane or designating those lanes to be used by traffic  
21 moving in a particular direction regardless of the center of the roadway,  
22 and drivers of vehicles shall obey the directions of every sign.

23 Sec. 2. Title 28, chapter 3, article 9, Arizona Revised Statutes,  
24 is amended by adding section 28-778, to read:

25 28-778. Roundabouts; definition

26 A. THE OPERATOR OF A VEHICLE OR COMBINATION OF VEHICLES WITH A  
27 TOTAL LENGTH OF AT LEAST FORTY FEET OR A TOTAL WIDTH OF AT LEAST TEN FEET,  
28 WITH DUE REGARD FOR ALL OTHER TRAFFIC, MAY DEVIATE FROM THE LANE IN WHICH  
29 THE OPERATOR IS DRIVING TO THE EXTENT NECESSARY TO APPROACH AND DRIVE  
30 THROUGH A ROUNDABOUT.

31 B. WHEN APPROACHING OR DRIVING THROUGH A ROUNDABOUT, A PERSON WHO  
32 IS DRIVING A VEHICLE SHALL YIELD THE RIGHT-OF-WAY TO THE OPERATOR WHO IS  
33 DRIVING A VEHICLE OR COMBINATION OF VEHICLES WITH A TOTAL LENGTH OF AT  
34 LEAST FORTY FEET OR A TOTAL WIDTH OF AT LEAST TEN FEET THROUGH THE  
35 ROUNDABOUT AT THE SAME TIME OR SO CLOSELY IN TIME AS TO PRESENT AN  
36 IMMEDIATE HAZARD AND SHALL SLOW DOWN OR STOP IF NECESSARY TO YIELD. THIS  
37 SUBSECTION DOES NOT REQUIRE A PERSON WHO IS DRIVING A VEHICLE THROUGH A  
38 ROUNDABOUT TO YIELD THE RIGHT-OF-WAY TO THE OPERATOR OF A VEHICLE OR  
39 COMBINATION OF VEHICLES WITH A TOTAL LENGTH OF AT LEAST FORTY FEET OR A  
40 TOTAL WIDTH OF AT LEAST TEN FEET THAT IS APPROACHING THE ROUNDABOUT.

41 C. IF TWO VEHICLES OR COMBINATION OF VEHICLES EACH HAVING A TOTAL  
42 LENGTH OF AT LEAST FORTY FEET OR A TOTAL WIDTH OF AT LEAST TEN FEET  
43 APPROACH OR DRIVE THROUGH A ROUNDABOUT AT THE SAME TIME OR SO CLOSELY IN  
44 TIME AS TO PRESENT AN IMMEDIATE HAZARD, THE DRIVER ON THE RIGHT SHALL

1 YIELD THE RIGHT-OF-WAY TO THE DRIVER ON THE LEFT AND SHALL SLOW DOWN OR  
2 STOP IF NECESSARY TO YIELD.

3 D. THE DIRECTOR OR LOCAL JURISDICTION, ON HIGHWAYS UNDER THEIR  
4 JURISDICTION, SHALL POST AT ALL ROUNDABOUTS, WHETHER CONSTRUCTED BEFORE,  
5 ON OR AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION AT LEAST ONE OF THE  
6 FOLLOWING:

7 1. YIELD SIGN BEFORE THE ROUNDABOUT ENTRANCE.  
8 2. A REGULATORY SIGN, AS OUTLINED IN SUBSECTION E OF THIS SECTION  
9 BEFORE THE ROUNDABOUT ENTRANCE.

10 E. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:

11 1. DESIGN A UNIFORM AND STANDARD REGULATORY SIGN TO CONVEY THE  
12 INFORMATION THAT LARGE TRUCKS HAVE THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OR THAT VEHICLES  
13 SHOULD YIELD TO LARGE TRUCKS IN A ROUNDABOUT.  
14 2. DEVELOP A UNIFORM STANDARD BY WHICH THE REGULATORY SIGN IS TO BE  
15 DISPLAYED ALONG WITH THE STANDARD YIELD SIGN.

16 F. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "ROUNDABOUT" MEANS A CIRCULAR  
17 INTERSECTION OR JUNCTION IN WHICH ROAD TRAFFIC FLOWS ALMOST CONTINUOUSLY  
18 IN ONE DIRECTION AROUND A CENTRAL ISLAND.