

REFERENCE TITLE: signs; lane use; civil penalty

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Introduced by
Representative Martinez

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 28, CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE 3, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 28-654; AMENDING SECTION 28-721, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES;
RELATING TO TRAFFIC SIGNS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:
2 Section 1. Title 28, chapter 3, article 3, Arizona Revised
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 28-654, to read:
4 28-654. Signs; lane use; requirements
5 A. THE DEPARTMENT AND EACH LOCAL AUTHORITY SHALL PLACE SIGNS ON A
6 HIGHWAY WITH TWO OR MORE LANES FOR USE BY MOTOR VEHICLES TRAVELING IN THE
7 SAME DIRECTION THAT DIRECT SLOWER TRAFFIC TO TRAVEL IN A LANE OTHER THAN
8 THE FARTHEST LEFT LANE.
9 B. THE SIGN MUST:
10 1. READ "LEFT LANE FOR PASSING ONLY, SLOW TRAFFIC KEEP RIGHT."
11 2. BE ACCOMPANIED BY A SMALLER SIGN THAT READS "\$500 FINE" PURSUANT
12 TO THE CIVIL PENALTY IMPOSED IN SECTION 28-721.
13 Sec. 2. Section 28-721, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
14 read:
15 28-721. Driving on right side of roadway; civil penalty;
16 driving on shoulder; exceptions; education
17 A. On all roadways of sufficient width, a person shall drive a
18 vehicle on the right half of the roadway except as follows:
19 1. When overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding in the
20 same direction under the rules governing the movement.
21 2. When the right half of a roadway is closed to traffic while
22 under construction or repair.
23 3. On a roadway divided into three marked lanes for traffic under
24 the rules applicable on the roadway.
25 4. On a roadway designated and signposted for one-way traffic.
26 B. On all roadways, a person driving a vehicle proceeding at less
27 than the normal speed of traffic at the time and place and under the
28 conditions then existing shall drive the vehicle in the right-hand lane
29 then available for traffic or as close as practicable to the right-hand
30 curb or edge of the roadway, except when overtaking and passing another
31 vehicle proceeding in the same direction or when preparing for a left turn
32 at an intersection or into a private road or driveway. THE DEPARTMENT AND
33 EACH LOCAL AUTHORITY SHALL PLACE SIGNS ON A HIGHWAY WITH TWO OR MORE LANES
34 FOR USE BY MOTOR VEHICLES TRAVELING IN THE SAME DIRECTION PURSUANT TO
35 SECTION 28-654. A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SUBSECTION IS SUBJECT TO A
36 CIVIL PENALTY OF \$500.
37 C. In an age restricted community that is located in an
38 unincorporated area of a county with a population of more than three
39 million persons, a person may drive a golf cart or a neighborhood electric
40 vehicle on a paved shoulder that is adjacent to a roadway or as close as
41 practicable to the right-hand curb or edge of a paved roadway if there is
42 no delineated paved shoulder.

1 D. Defensive driving school courses that are offered by defensive
2 driving schools operated pursuant to chapter 8, article 7 of this title
3 and traffic survival schools operated pursuant to chapter 8, article 7.1
4 of this title shall include educational information relating to
5 subsections A and B of this section. The department shall include
6 information relating to subsections A and B of this section in any of the
7 department's examination, information and education materials.