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signs; lane use; civil penalty

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HOUSE BILL 2235

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 IN
6 THIS STATE ON THE PORTIONS OF INTERSTATE 8, INTERSTATE 10 AND INTERSTATE
7 40 ON WHICH THERE ARE TWO LANES FOR USE BY MOTOR VEHICLES TRAVELING IN THE
8 SAME DIRECTION THAT DIRECT SLOWER TRAFFIC TO TRAVEL IN A LANE OTHER THAN
9 THE FARTHEST LEFT LANE.

10 B. THE SIGN MUST:

11 1. READ "LEFT LANE FOR PASSING ONLY, SLOW TRAFFIC KEEP RIGHT." THE
12 SIGN SHALL BE FORTY-EIGHT INCHES IN HEIGHT AND FORTY-EIGHT INCHES IN
13 WIDTH.

14 2. EITHER:

15 (a) BE ACCOMPANIED BY A SMALLER SIGN THAT READS "\$200 FINE"
16 PURSUANT TO THE CIVIL PENALTY IMPOSED IN SECTION 28-721.

17 (b) INCLUDE ON THE SIGN A WARNING THAT READS "\$200 FINE" PURSUANT
18 TO THE CIVIL PENALTY IMPOSED BY SECTION 28-721.

19 Sec. 2. Section 28-721, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
20 read:

21 28-721. Driving on right side of roadway; civil penalty;
22 driving on shoulder; exceptions; education

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

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

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

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

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

32 B. On all roadways, a person driving a vehicle proceeding at less
33 than the normal speed of traffic at the time and place and under the
34 conditions then existing shall drive the vehicle in the right-hand lane
35 then available for traffic or as close as practicable to the right-hand
36 curb or edge of the roadway, except when overtaking and passing another
37 vehicle proceeding in the same direction or when preparing for a left turn
38 at an intersection or into a private road or driveway. THE DEPARTMENT AND
39 EACH LOCAL AUTHORITY SHALL PLACE SIGNS IN THIS STATE ON THE PORTIONS OF
40 INTERSTATE 8, INTERSTATE 10 AND INTERSTATE 40 ON WHICH THERE ARE TWO LANES
41 FOR USE BY MOTOR VEHICLES TRAVELING IN THE SAME DIRECTION PURSUANT TO
42 SECTION 28-654. A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SUBSECTION IS SUBJECT TO A
43 CIVIL PENALTY OF \$200.

1 C. In an age restricted community that is located in an
2 unincorporated area of a county with a population of more than three
3 million persons, a person may drive a golf cart or a neighborhood electric
4 vehicle on a paved shoulder that is adjacent to a roadway or as close as
5 practicable to the right-hand curb or edge of a paved roadway if there is
6 no delineated paved shoulder.

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