

House Bill 3414

Sponsored by Representative HELM, Senator BURDICK; Representatives BARNHART, WITT, Senator DEMBROW

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Requires certain persons to not drive in far left lane unless passing. Provides exceptions. Punishes by maximum fine of \$1,000.

Clarifies that certain persons must drive in far right lane.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to lane of travel; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 811.325.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2015 Act is added to and made a part of the Oregon Vehicle**
5 **Code.**

6 **SECTION 2. (1) A person commits the offense of failure to keep a vehicle in the right**
7 **lane if the person is operating a vehicle and the person drives the vehicle in the far left lane**
8 **on a roadway that has two or more lanes for traffic proceeding in a single direction.**

9 **(2) A person may drive in the far left lane:**

10 **(a) When overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding in the same direction under**
11 **the rules governing this movement in ORS 811.410 to 811.425 when such movement can be**
12 **made without interfering with the passage of other vehicles.**

13 **(b) When preparing to turn left.**

14 **(c) When reasonably necessary in response to emergency conditions.**

15 **(d) To avoid actual or potential traffic moving onto the right lane from an acceleration**
16 **or merging lane.**

17 **(e) When necessary to follow traffic control devices that direct use of a lane other than**
18 **the right lane.**

19 **(3) This section does not apply to persons driving the following vehicles, which are gov-**
20 **erned by ORS 811.325:**

21 **(a) Any camper.**

22 **(b) Any vehicle with a trailer.**

23 **(c) Any vehicle with a registration weight of 10,000 pounds or more.**

24 **(4) The offense described in this section, failure to keep a vehicle in the right lane, is a**
25 **Class B traffic violation.**

26 **SECTION 3. ORS 811.325 is amended to read:**

27 811.325. (1) A person commits the offense of failure to keep a camper, trailer or truck in the
28 right lane if the person is operating any of the vehicles described in this subsection and the person
29 does not drive in the **far** right lane of all roadways having two or more lanes for traffic proceeding
30 in a single direction. This subsection applies to all of the following vehicles:

31 **(a) Any camper.**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 (b) Any vehicle with a trailer.

2 (c) Any vehicle with a registration weight of 10,000 pounds or more.

3 (2) This section does not require the described vehicles to be driven in the right lane under any
4 of the following circumstances:

5 (a) When overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding in the same direction under the
6 rules governing this movement in ORS 811.410 to 811.425 when such movement can be made without
7 interfering with the passage of other vehicles.

8 (b) When preparing to turn left.

9 (c) When reasonably necessary in response to emergency conditions.

10 (d) To avoid actual or potential traffic moving onto the right lane from an acceleration or
11 merging lane.

12 (e) When necessary to follow traffic control devices that direct use of a lane other than the right
13 lane.

14 (3) The offense described in this section, failure to keep camper, trailer or truck in the right
15 lane, is a Class B traffic violation.

16 **SECTION 4. Section 2 of this 2015 Act and the amendments to ORS 811.325 by section 3**
17 **of this 2015 Act apply to offenses occurring on or after the effective date of this 2015 Act.**

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