

Lived (rode motorcycles) in California for 10 or so years - seen Lane Sharing in action! Unfortunately lots of people (including members of The Joint Committee on Transportation) have proven time and time again over the years they do NOT know what Lane Sharing (Lane Splitting or whatever you want to call it) is all about. Lane Sharing is passing between cars (safely) when traffic is at a standstill or traveling at less than 20 or 25 mph at a speed no more than 10 mph faster than said traffic! We see some motorcyclists zig-zagging in and out along with in between cars at speeds around or above speed limit. That is NOT Lane Sharing, but reckless driving! Now, too many times I've had friends and acquaintances killed or hurt badly after being rear ended in somewhat slow traffic and "crushed" between cars. Could have been avoided so many times with correctly done Lane Sharing. Lane Sharing is not fail safe, but done correctly we usually have only minor injuries in the rare occasions when an accident does happen. After 55+ years of riding motorcycles it is obvious to me SB 574 needs to be passed! Along with the aforementioned facts, we also have to look at the large impact the measure would have on congestion. A motorcycle basically takes up as much room as a car when "we" are just sitting there or slowly moving forward. Moving in between safely (because we can) allows the traffic to move forward with ease causing a better flow! Thank you, Peter