

I am a long time rider with over 35 years of experience who currently rides for pleasure but I have also commuted extensively by motorcycle. I learned to ride in the Los Angeles area and commuted for years by bike in the San Francisco Bay area. Lane splitting is a normal occurrence on the roads and highways in CA, and in my experience offers a much safer way to move through heavy traffic by motorcycle. Lane splitting also helps alleviate congestion. There are plenty of data out there to support both of these assertions, as I am sure you are aware. Of course, reasonable guidelines would be appropriate to ensure safety, such as capping the speed (e.g 45mph), capping how much faster than traffic one could ride (e.g. no more than 10 mph faster than traffic), and limiting the activity to the space between the fast lane and the adjacent lane to the right. If memory serves, these were the guidelines that were in place when I was in CA and they worked very well. Then there are all the international examples of lane splitting from other countries in Europe, Asia, and other places that show lane splitting to be safe and effective at reducing congestion. Please Pass SB 574. Thank you!