

The House Committee on Motor Vehicles offers the following substitute to HB 1111:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 3 of Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
2 relating to uniform rules of the road relative to driving on the right side of roadways,  
3 overtaking and passing, and following too closely, so as to change certain provisions relating  
4 to trucks using multilane highways; to provide lane usage restrictions for certain vehicles or  
5 combinations of vehicles on multilane highways; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other  
6 purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Article 3 of Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
10 uniform rules of the road relative to driving on the right side of roadways, overtaking and  
11 passing, and following too closely, is amended by striking Code Section 40-6-52, relating to  
12 trucks using multilane highways, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

13 "40-6-52.

14 (a) ~~As used in this Code section, the term 'truck' means any vehicle equipped with more~~  
15 ~~than six wheels~~ This Code section shall apply to any vehicle designed or used to transport  
16 property and having a gross vehicle weight rating of 26,001 pounds or more, any truck and  
17 trailer combination, or any vehicle being used in the transportation of hazardous materials  
18 which require the vehicle to be placarded under 49 C.F.R. Part 172, Subpart F.

19 (b) On roads, streets, or highways with three or more lanes allowing for movement in the  
20 same direction, it shall be unlawful for any ~~truck~~ vehicle or combination of vehicles subject  
21 to this Code section to operate in any lanes other than the two most right-hand lanes, except  
22 when ~~the truck~~ such vehicle or combination is preparing for a left turn or as otherwise  
23 provided by subsection (d) of this Code section.

24 (c) On roads, streets, or highways with two lanes allowing for movement in the same  
25 direction, it shall be unlawful for any ~~truck~~ vehicle or combination of vehicles subject to  
26 this Code section to operate in the left-hand lane, except when ~~the truck~~ such vehicle or

1 combination is actually overtaking and passing another vehicle, preparing for to merge left  
2 or make a left turn, or as otherwise provided by subsection (d) of this Code section.

3 (d) On interstate highways with four or more lanes allowing for movement in the same  
4 direction, the Department of Transportation may designate specific lanes that either  
5 prohibit or allow ~~trucks~~ those vehicles or combinations of vehicles which are subject to this  
6 Code section. Where ~~truck lane~~ usage has been so designated and indicated as such by  
7 signs erected by the Department of Transportation; with a message containing the phrase  
8 'trucks over six wheels,' it shall be unlawful for any ~~truck~~ such vehicle or combination to  
9 operate in any lanes other than as designated."

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## SECTION 2.

11 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.