

House Bill 345 (COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE)

By: Representatives Twiggs of the 8th, Channell of the 111th, Morris of the 155th, Wix of the 33rd and Smith of the 12th

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 driving on the right side of roadways, overtaking and passing, and following too
3 closely, so as to change certain provisions relating to trucks using multilane highways; to
4 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

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

11 "40-6-52.

12 (a) As used in this Code section, the term 'truck' means any vehicle equipped with more
13 than six wheels.

14 (b) On roads, streets, or highways with three or more lanes allowing for movement in the
15 same direction, it shall be unlawful for any truck to operate in any lanes other than the two
16 most right-hand lanes, except when the truck is preparing for a left turn or as otherwise
17 provided by subsection (d) of this Code section.

18 (c) On roads, streets, or highways with two lanes allowing for movement in the same
19 direction, it shall be unlawful for any truck to operate in the left-hand lane, except when
20 the truck is actually overtaking and passing another vehicle, or preparing for a left turn, or
21 as otherwise provided by subsection (d) of this Code section.

22 (d) On interstate highways with four or more lanes allowing for movement in the same
23 direction, the Department of Transportation may designate specific lanes that either
24 prohibit or allow trucks. Where truck usage has been so designated and indicated as such
25 by signs erected by the Department of Transportation, it shall be unlawful for any truck to
26 operate in any lanes other than as designated."

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SECTION 2.

2 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.