

House Bill 631

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 40-6-40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to when  
2 vehicles shall be driven of the right side of the highway, so as to provide that on certain  
3 highways all vehicles shall be driven on the right side of the roadway subject to certain  
4 exceptions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal  
5 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Code Section 40-6-40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to when vehicles  
9 shall be driven of the right side of the highway, is amended by adding a new subsection to  
10 read as follows:

11 "(e) Upon any roadway having two or more lanes for traffic moving in the same direction,  
12 all vehicles shall be driven in the right-hand lanes when available for traffic except when  
13 any of the following conditions exist:

14 (1) When overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding in the same direction;

15 (2) When traveling at a speed greater than the traffic flow;

16 (3) When moving left to allow traffic to merge; or

17 (4) When preparing for a left turn at an intersection, exit, or into a private road or  
18 driveway when such left turn is legally permitted."

19 **SECTION 2.**

20 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2009.

21 **SECTION 3.**

22 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.