

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to driving in the furthestmost left-  
 3           hand lane of a roadway; amending s. 316.081, F.S.;  
 4           prohibiting a driver from operating a motor vehicle in  
 5           the furthestmost left-hand lane of certain roadways,  
 6           except under certain circumstances; defining the term  
 7           "furthestmost left-hand lane"; providing applicability;  
 8           providing a penalty; providing an effective date.

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 10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 12           Section 1. Subsections (4) and (5) of section 316.081,  
 13 Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (5) and (6),  
 14 respectively, a new subsection (4) is added to that section, and  
 15 present subsection (5) of that section is republished, to read:

16           316.081 Driving on right side of roadway; exceptions.—  
 17           (4) On a road, street, or highway having two or more lanes  
 18 allowing movement in the same direction with a posted speed  
 19 limit of at least 65 miles per hour, a driver may not operate a  
 20 motor vehicle in the furthestmost left-hand lane, except when  
 21 overtaking and passing another vehicle, when preparing to exit  
 22 the road, street, or highway, or when otherwise directed by an  
 23 official traffic control device. As used in this subsection, the  
 24 term "furthestmost left-hand lane" means the farthest most left-  
 25 hand lane, except that, if such left-hand lane is a high-

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26 | occupancy-vehicle lane as defined in s. 316.0741 or is a  
27 | designated left-hand turn lane, the furthestmost left-hand lane  
28 | is the lane immediately to the right of such high-occupancy-  
29 | vehicle lane or left-hand turn lane. This subsection does not  
30 | apply to authorized emergency vehicles and vehicles engaged in  
31 | highway maintenance or construction operations.

32 | ~~(6)-(5)~~ A violation of this section is a noncriminal  
33 | traffic infraction, punishable as a moving violation as provided  
34 | in chapter 318.

35 | Section 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2024.