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Referred to Committee on Transportation and Public Utilities

AN ACT concerning traffic regulation, and amending section 39:4-88
of the Revised Statutes.

1 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
2 *of New Jersey:*

1 1. Section 39:4-88 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read
2 as follows:

3 39:4-88. When a roadway has been divided into clearly marked
4 lanes for traffic, drivers of vehicles shall obey the following
5 regulations:

6 a. A vehicle shall normally be driven in the lane nearest the
7 right-hand edge or curb of the roadway when that lane is available
8 for travel, except when overtaking another vehicle or in prepara-
9 tion for a left turn.

10 b. A vehicle shall be driven as nearly as practicable entirely
11 within a single lane and shall not be moved from that lane until
12 the driver has first ascertained that the movement can be made
13 with safety.

14 c. Upon a highway which is divided into 3 lanes, a vehicle shall
15 not be driven in the center lane except when overtaking or passing
16 another vehicle or in preparation for a left turn or unless the
17 center lane is at the time allocated for traffic moving in the direc-
18 tion the vehicle is proceeding and is signposted to give notice of
19 that allocation.

20 d. The State Highway Commissioner may by regulation or local
21 authorities may by resolution or ordinance with respect to highways
22 under their jurisdiction designate right-hand lanes for slow moving
23 traffic and inside lanes for traffic moving at the speed designated
24 for the district as provided under this chapter, and when the lanes
25 are signposted or marked to give notice of the designation a vehicle
26 may be driven in any lane allocated to traffic moving in the direction

27 in which it is proceeding, but when traveling within the inside lanes
28 the vehicle shall be driven at approximately the speed authorized
29 in such lanes and speed shall not be decreased unnecessarily so as
30 to block, hinder or retard traffic.

31 *e. When such roadway has been divided in such a manner that*
32 *there are 3 or more lanes for traffic in any one direction, no truck*
33 *of 10,000 pounds registered gross weight or over shall be driven*
34 *in the farthest left-hand lane, except when and to the extent neces-*
35 *sary to prepare for a left turn, or when necessary to enter or leave*
36 *such roadway by entrance or exit to or from the left lane or when*
37 *reasonably necessary in response to emergency conditions.*

1 2. This act shall take effect immediately.