

1 _____ BILL NO. _____

2 INTRODUCED BY _____
3 (Primary Sponsor)

4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT CLARIFYING LAWS REGARDING DRIVING ON THE RIGHT SIDE
5 OF A ROADWAY."
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7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:
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9 **Section 1.** Section 61-8-321, MCA, is amended to read:

10 **"61-8-321. Drive on right side of roadway -- exceptions.** (1) Upon all roadways of sufficient width, a
11 vehicle must be operated upon the ~~right half~~ lane nearest the right side of the roadway when the lane is available
12 for travel, except as follows:

13 (a) when overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding in the same direction under the rules
14 governing the passing movement;

15 ~~(b) when the right half of a roadway is closed to traffic while under construction or repair;~~

16 ~~(c)~~(b) upon a roadway divided into three marked lanes for traffic under the rules applicable on a divided
17 roadway;

18 ~~(d)~~(c) upon a roadway designated by official traffic control devices for one-way traffic; or

19 ~~(e)~~(d) when the operator of a vehicle is complying with the provisions of 61-8-346; ~~or~~

20 ~~_____ (f) when an obstruction exists that makes it necessary to drive to the left of the center of the roadway.~~

21 (2) A person not operating a vehicle ~~to the left of the center~~ upon the lane nearest the right side of the
22 roadway for any of the reasons provided in subsection (1) shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles traveling in
23 the proper direction upon the unobstructed portion of the roadway that are within a distance that constitutes an
24 immediate hazard.

25 (3) A vehicle proceeding at less than the normal speed of traffic at the time and place and under the
26 conditions then existing must be operated in the right-hand lane then available for traffic; or as close as
27 practicable to the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway except when overtaking and passing another vehicle
28 proceeding in the same direction or when preparing for a left turn at an intersection or into a private road or
29 driveway."
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