

1 HB212
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3 By Representatives Pettus, Faulkner, Rowe, Reynolds, Kiel,
4 Lovvorn, Ledbetter, Lee and Robertson
5 RFD: Transportation, Utilities and Infrastructure
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4 A BILL
5 TO BE ENTITLED
6 AN ACT
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8 Relating to motor vehicles and traffic; to amend
9 Section 32-5A-80 of Code of Alabama 1975, to require a vehicle
10 traveling on an interstate highway to travel in the right lane
11 unless passing another vehicle; to provide exceptions; and in
12 connection therewith would have as its purpose or effect the
13 requirement of a new or increased expenditure of local funds
14 within the meaning of Amendment 621 of the Constitution of
15 Alabama of 1901.

16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

17 Section 1. This act shall be known as the Anti-Road
18 Rage Act.

19 Section 2. Section 32-5A-80 of the Code of Alabama
20 1975, is amended to read as follows:

21 "§32-5A-80.

22 "(a) Upon all roadways of sufficient width, a
23 vehicle shall be driven upon the right half of the roadway,
24 ~~except as follows~~ under any of the following conditions:

25 "(1) When overtaking and passing another vehicle
26 proceeding in the same direction under the rules governing
27 such movement7.

1 "(2) When an obstruction exists making it necessary
2 to drive to the left of the center of the highway; provided,
3 any person doing so shall yield the right-of-way to all
4 vehicles traveling in the proper direction upon the
5 unobstructed portion of the highway within such distance as to
6 constitute an immediate hazard7.

7 "(3) Upon a roadway divided into three marked lanes
8 for traffic under the rules applicable thereon;~~or.~~

9 "(4) Upon a roadway restricted to one-way traffic.

10 "(b) Upon all roadways,4 any vehicle proceeding at
11 less than the normal speed of traffic at the time and place
12 and under the conditions then existing shall be driven in the
13 right-hand lane then available for traffic, or as close as
14 practicable to the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway,
15 except when overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding
16 in the same direction or when preparing for a left turn at an
17 intersection or into a private road or driveway.

18 "(c) Upon any roadway having four or more lanes for
19 moving traffic and providing for two-way movement of traffic,
20 no vehicle shall be driven to the left of the center line of
21 the roadway, except when authorized by official
22 traffic-control devices designating certain lanes to the left
23 side of the center of the roadway for use by traffic not
24 otherwise permitted to use such lanes, or except as permitted
25 under subsection (a) (2). However, this subsection shall not be
26 construed as prohibiting the crossing of the center line in

1 making a left turn into or from an alley, private road, or
2 driveway.

3 "(d) (1) Upon any interstate highway, except as
4 provided in subdivision (2), a vehicle may not remain in the
5 leftmost lane for more than 1.5 miles without completely
6 passing another vehicle.

7 "(2) A vehicle may travel in the leftmost lane under
8 any of the following conditions:

9 "a. When traffic conditions or congestion make it
10 necessary to operate a vehicle in the leftmost lane.

11 "b. When inclement weather, obstructions, or hazards
12 make it necessary to operate a vehicle in the leftmost lane.

13 "c. When compliance with a law, rule, ordinance, or
14 traffic control device makes it necessary to operate a vehicle
15 in the leftmost lane.

16 "d. When exiting a roadway to the left.

17 "e. When paying a toll or user fee at a toll
18 collection facility.

19 "f. If the vehicle is an authorized emergency
20 vehicle operated in the course of duty.

21 "g. If the vehicle is operated or used in the course
22 of highway maintenance or construction or is traveling through
23 a construction zone."

24 Section 3. For 60 days following the effective date
25 of this act, a law enforcement officer may issue only a
26 warning citation for a violation of subsection (d) of Section
27 32-5A-80, Code of Alabama 1975.

1 Section 4. Although this bill would have as its
2 purpose or effect the requirement of a new or increased
3 expenditure of local funds, the bill is excluded from further
4 requirements and application under Amendment 621 because the
5 bill defines a new crime or amends the definition of an
6 existing crime.

7 Section 5. This act shall become effective on the
8 first day of the third month following its passage and
9 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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Yeas 61, Nays 24, Abstains 2

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