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HOUSE FILE 19

Place On Calendar

By COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Passed House, Date 1-23-73 (165) Passed Senate, Date _____
Vote: Ayes 97 Nays 0 Vote: Ayes _____ Nays _____
Approved _____

A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing exceptions to driving on the right side of
2 a roadway.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

4 Section 1. Section three hundred twenty-one point two
5 hundred ninety-seven (321.297), Code 1973, is amended by
6 striking the section and inserting in lieu thereof the
7 following:

8 321.297. DRIVING ON RIGHT-HAND SIDE OF ROADWAY--EXCEP-
9 TIONS.

10 1. A vehicle shall be driven upon the right half of the
11 roadway upon all roadways of sufficient width, except as fol-
12 lows:

13 a. When overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding
14 in the same direction under the rules governing such movement.

15 b. When an obstruction exists making it necessary to drive
16 to the left of the center of the highway, provided, any per-
17 son so doing shall yield the right-of-way to all vehicles
18 traveling in the proper direction upon the unobstructed portion
19 of the highway within such distance as to constitute an
20 immediate hazard.

21 c. Upon a roadway divided into three marked lanes for
22 traffic under the rules applicable thereon.

23 d. Upon a roadway restricted to one-way traffic.

24 2. Any vehicle proceeding at less than the normal speed
25 of traffic at the time and place and under the conditions

1 then existing shall be driven in the right-hand lane then
 2 available for traffic upon all roadways, or as close as
 3 practicable to the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway,
 4 except when overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding
 5 in the same direction or when preparing for a left turn at
 6 an intersection or into a private road or driveway.

7 3. A vehicle shall not be driven upon any roadway having
 8 four or more lanes for moving traffic and providing for two-
 9 way movement of traffic, to the left of the center line of
 10 the roadway, except when authorized by official traffic-control
 11 devices designating certain lanes to the left side of the
 12 center of the roadway for use by traffic not otherwise
 13 permitted to use such lanes, or except as permitted under
 14 subsection one (1), paragraph b of this section. This sub-
 15 section shall not be construed as prohibiting the crossing
 16 of the center line in making a left turn into or from an
 17 alley, private road, or driveway.

EXPLANATION

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 19 This bill substitutes the recommendations of the Uniform
 20 Vehicle Code for the present law on driving on the right-hand
 21 side of the roadway.

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House

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1 Amend House File 19, page 2, by striking from
2 line 6 the words "or into a" and inserting in lieu
3 thereof the words ", an alley,"

Filed - *Adopted 1-22*
January 18, 1973

By OAKLEY of Clinton

H4

1 Amend House File 19, page 2, by inserting after
2 line 17 the following new section:
3 "Sec. 2. Section three hundred twenty-one point
4 two hundred ninety-eight (321.298), Code 1973, is
5 repealed."

Filed - *Withdrawn 1-25*
January 19, 1973

By OAKLEY of Clinton
NIELSEN of Polk

H-10

1 Amend House File 19 as follows:
2 1. Page 1, by striking from line 16 the word
3 "highway" and inserting in lieu thereof the word
4 "roadway".
5 2. Page 1, by striking from line 19 the word
6 "highway" and inserting in lieu thereof the word
7 "roadway".
8 3. Page 2, by inserting after line 17 the
9 following new section:
10 "Sec. 2. Section three hundred twenty-one point
11 two hundred ninety-eight (321.298), Code 1973, is
12 amended by striking the section and inserting in lieu
13 thereof the following:
14 321.298 MEETING AND TURNING TO RIGHT. Except as
15 otherwise provided in section three hundred twenty-
16 one point two hundred ninety-seven (321.297) of the
17 Code, vehicles or persons on horseback meeting each
18 other on any roadway shall yield one-half of the
19 roadway by turning to the right."

Filed - *Adopted 1-25*
January 22, 1973

By STANLEY of Muscatine
OAKLEY of Clinton

House File 19
Glenn, Chairman
Murray
Winkelman

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HOUSE FILE 19
By COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
(AS AMENDED AND PASSED BY THE HOUSE)

Passed House, Date *1-23-73*..... Passed Senate, Date *2-2-73 (219)*
Vote: Ayes *97*..... Nays *0*..... Vote: Ayes *40*..... Nays *0*.....
Approved *2-23-73*.....

A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act providing exceptions to driving on the right side of
- 2 a roadway.
- 3 *Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*
- 4 Section 1. Section three hundred twenty-one point two
- 5 hundred ninety-seven (321.297), Code 1973, is amended by
- 6 striking the section and inserting in lieu thereof the
- 7 following:
- 8 321.297. DRIVING ON RIGHT-HAND SIDE OF ROADWAY—
- 9 TIONS. EXCEP-
- 10 1. A vehicle shall be driven upon the right half of the
- 11 roadway upon all roadways of sufficient width, except as fol-
- 12 lows:
- 13 a. When overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding
- 14 in the same direction under the rules governing such movement.
- 15 b. When an obstruction exists making it necessary to drive
- 16 to the left of the center of the *roadway*, provided, any per-
- 17 son so doing shall yield the right-ofway to all vehicles
- 18 traveling in the proper direction upon the unobstructed portion
- 19 of the *roadway* within such distance as to constitute an
- 20 immediate hazard.
- 21 c. Upon a roadway divided into three marked lanes for
- 22 traffic under the rules applicable thereon.
- 23 d. Upon a roadway restricted to one-way traffic.
- 24 2. Any vehicle proceeding at less than the normal speed
- 25 of traffic at the time and place and under the conditions

1 then existing shall be driven in the right-hand lane then
2 available for traffic upon all roadways, or as close as
3 practicable to the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway,
4 except when overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding
5 in the same direction or when preparing for a left turn at
6 an intersection, *an alley*, private road or driveway.

7 3. A vehicle shall not be driven upon any roadway having
8 four or more lanes for moving traffic and providing for two-
9 way movement of traffic, to the left of the center line of
10 the roadway, except when authorized by official traffic-control
11 devices designating certain lanes to the left side of the
12 center of the roadway for use by traffic not otherwise
13 permitted to use such lanes, or except as permitted under
14 subsection one (1), paragraph b of this section. This sub-
15 section shall not be construed as prohibiting the crossing
16 of the center line in making a left turn into or from an
17 alley, private road, or driveway.

18 *Sec. 2. Section three hundred twenty-one point two*
19 *hundred ninety-eight (321.298), Code 1973, is amended by*
20 *striking the section and inserting in lieu thereof the*
21 *following:*

22 *321.298 MEETING AND TURNING TO RIGHT. Except as*
23 *otherwise provided in section three hundred twenty-one*
24 *point two hundred ninety-seven (321.297) of the Code,*
25 *vehicles or persons on horseback meeting each other on any*
26 *roadway shall yield one-half of the roadway by turning to*
27 *the right.*

28 EXPLANATION

29 This bill substitutes the recommendations of the Uniform
30 Vehicle Code for the present law on driving on the right-hand
31 side of the roadway.