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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the use of shared center traffic lanes and
2 making a penalty applicable.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 321.306, Code 2003, is amended by
2 adding the following new unnumbered paragraph:
3 NEW UNNUMBERED PARAGRAPH. A shared center lane that is
4 designated for use by left-turning vehicles traveling in both
5 directions, which is marked on each side with solid yellow
6 lines and dashed yellow lines, may not be used for any purpose
7 other than turning left, or for making a U-turn when
8 permitted. A vehicle entering the roadway shall not turn into
9 such a shared center lane for the purpose of merging into
10 traffic, but shall instead turn into the nearest lane to the
11 right of the center lane.

12 EXPLANATION

13 This bill prohibits the use of a shared center traffic
14 lane, designated for use by left-turning vehicles traveling
15 from both directions, for any purpose other than making a left
16 turn, or a U-turn when permitted. A vehicle entering the
17 roadway may not use the shared center lane for the purpose of
18 merging into traffic. A violator is subject to a scheduled
19 fine of \$35.

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