



**ARIZONA STATE SENATE**  
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FACT SHEET FOR S.B. 1681

slow driving; left lane; penalty

Purpose

Establishes a civil penalty of \$250 for driving a vehicle on the left half of a roadway at a slower speed than normal traffic, as prescribed.

Background

On all roadways of sufficient width, a person must drive a vehicle on the right half of the roadway, except: 1) when overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding in the same direction or the right half of a roadway is closed to traffic while under construction or repair; and 2) on a roadway divided into three marked lanes for traffic or designated and signposted for one-way traffic.

On all roadways, a person driving a vehicle at a less than normal speed of traffic at the time and place and under the conditions then existing must drive the vehicle in the right-hand lane or as close as practicable to the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway, except when overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding in the same direction or when preparing for a left turn at an intersection or into a private road or driveway ([A.R.S. § 28-721](#)).

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the state General Fund associated with this legislation.

Provisions

1. Subjects, to a civil penalty of \$250, a person driving a vehicle at a less than normal speed of traffic who:
  - a) drives on the left half of the roadway; and
  - b) fails to turn left or overtake and pass another vehicle.
2. Makes conforming changes.
3. Becomes effective on the general effective date.

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