

**First Regular Session  
Seventy-fourth General Assembly  
STATE OF COLORADO**

**INTRODUCED**

LLS NO. 23-0460.02 Conrad Imel x2313

**HOUSE BILL 23-1059**

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**HOUSE SPONSORSHIP**

**Weinberg,**

**SENATE SPONSORSHIP**

**(None),**

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**House Committees**

Transportation, Housing & Local Government

**Senate Committees**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING STUDYING PERMITTING MOTORCYCLES TO DRIVE**  
102 **AROUND MOTOR VEHICLES TRAVELING IN THE SAME DIRECTION.**

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)*

Under current law, the driver of a motorcycle is prohibited from overtaking or passing a motor vehicle by driving in the same lane as the motor vehicle or between rows of motor vehicles, a practice known as "lane splitting".

The bill requires the Colorado department of transportation, in collaboration with the Colorado state patrol, to conduct a feasibility study

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.  
Dashes through the words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law.

of permitting motorcycle lane splitting and report the results of the study to the transportation committees of the house of representatives and the senate by December 31, 2023.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2           **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 43-1-131 as  
3 follows:

4           **43-1-131. Motorcycle lane splitting study - report - repeal.**

5 (1) THE DEPARTMENT, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE COLORADO STATE  
6 PATROL, SHALL STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF PERMITTING MOTORCYCLES TO  
7 PASS OR OVERTAKE A MOTOR VEHICLE BY DRIVING ALONGSIDE THE MOTOR  
8 VEHICLE IN THE SAME LANE OR DRIVING BETWEEN ROWS OF STOPPED OR  
9 MOVING MOTOR VEHICLES, REFERRED TO IN THIS SECTION AS "LANE  
10 SPLITTING". THE STUDY MUST, AT A MINIMUM:

11           (a) IDENTIFY AND ANALYZE THE BENEFITS AND DRAWBACKS OF  
12 PERMITTING MOTORCYCLE LANE SPLITTING; AND

13           (b) IDENTIFY POTENTIAL SAFETY ISSUES RELATED TO PERMITTING  
14 MOTORCYCLE LANE SPLITTING.

15           (2) ~~NOLATER THAN DECEMBER 31, 2023,~~ THE DEPARTMENT SHALL  
16 SUBMIT A REPORT ON THE STUDY TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
17 TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE AND  
18 THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION AND ENERGY COMMITTEE, OR THEIR  
19 SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES.

20           (3) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2024.

21           **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-33.5-204, **add** (3)  
22 as follows:

23           **24-33.5-204. Departmental cooperation - repeal.** (3) (a) THE

24 COLORADO STATE PATROL SHALL COLLABORATE WITH THE DEPARTMENT

1 OF TRANSPORTATION ON THE MOTORCYCLE LANE SPLITTING FEASIBILITY  
2 STUDY DESCRIBED IN SECTION 43-1-131.

3 (b) THIS SUBSECTION (3) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2024.

4 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
5 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
6 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.