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An act relating to interstate safety; amending s. 316.081, F.S.; defining the term "furthermost left-hand lane"; prohibiting a driver from operating a motor vehicle in the furthermost left-hand lane of certain roadways, except under certain circumstances; providing applicability; providing a penalty; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Present subsections (4) and (5) of section 316.081, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (5) and (6), respectively, a new subsection (4) is added to that section, and present subsection (5) of that section is republished, to read:

316.081 Driving on right side of roadway; exceptions.—

(4) (a) As used in this subsection, the term "furthermost left-hand lane" means the farthest, most left-hand lane, except that, if such left-hand lane is a high-occupancy-vehicle lane as defined in s. 316.0741, or is a designated left-turn lane, the furthermost left-hand lane is the lane immediately to the right of that high-occupancy-vehicle lane or left-turn lane.

(b) On a road, street, or highway with two or more lanes allowing movement in the same direction and a posted speed limit

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26 | of at least 65 miles per hour, a driver may not operate a motor  
27 | vehicle in the furthestmost left-hand lane, except when  
28 | overtaking and passing another vehicle; when preparing to exit  
29 | the road, street, or highway; or when otherwise directed by an  
30 | official traffic control device. This subsection does not apply  
31 | to authorized emergency vehicles and vehicles engaged in highway  
32 | maintenance or construction operations.

33 |       ~~(6)-(5)~~ A violation of this section is a noncriminal  
34 | traffic infraction, punishable as a moving violation as provided  
35 | in chapter 318.

36 |       Section 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2025.