

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 59th Legislature (2024)

HOUSE BILL 3979

By: Echols

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to motor vehicles; amending 47 O.S. 2021, Section 11-1103, which relates to riding motorcycles; making exception for certain motorcycles; defining term; allowing for lane filtering under certain conditions; and providing effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2021, Section 11-1103, is amended to read as follows:

Section 11-1103. A. No person under the age of sixteen (16) years shall drive a motorcycle, motor-driven cycle, motorized scooter, or motorized bicycle on any highway of this state while transporting any other person.

B. The operator of a motorcycle, motor-driven cycle, motorized scooter, or motorized bicycle who has attained the age of sixteen (16) years or older may carry a passenger if the vehicle has a wheel

1 diameter of twelve (12) inches or greater and is factory-designed
2 and equipped with either:

3 1. A double seating device with double foot rests; or

4 2. A sidecar attachment providing a separate seat space within
5 such sidecar attachment for each person riding therein so that such
6 person shall be seated entirely within the body of said sidecar.

7 C. No rider of a motorcycle, motor-driven cycle, motorized
8 scooter, or motorized bicycle shall hold to any moving vehicle for
9 the purpose of being propelled.

10 D. ~~No~~ Except as otherwise provided by subsection E of this
11 section, no driver of a motorcycle, motor-driven cycle, motorized
12 scooter, motorized bicycle, or electric-assisted bicycle shall pass
13 other vehicles between lanes of traffic traveling in the same
14 direction. This subsection shall not apply to the operator of an
15 authorized emergency vehicle.

16 E. 1. As used in this subsection, the term "lane filtering"
17 means the act of a two-wheeled motorcycle overtaking and passing
18 another vehicle or vehicles that are stopped in the same lane and
19 direction of travel as the overtaking motorcycle.

20 2. An operator of a two-wheeled motorcycle may engage in lane
21 filtering when:

22 a. the operator of the motorcycle is on a roadway with
23 lanes that are wide enough to pass safely,
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- 1 b. the overtaking motorcycle is not operated at a speed
2 in excess of ten (10) miles per hour when overtaking
3 or passing the stopped vehicle or vehicles, and
4 c. conditions permit continued reasonable and prudent
5 operation of the motorcycle while lane filtering.

6 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2024.

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