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## **An Act To Clarify the Use and Purpose of Center Turn Lanes**

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

**Sec. 1. 29-A MRS §2051, sub-§2**, as amended by PL 1997, c. 653, §7, is further amended to read:

**2. Two-way lane.** On a public way that is divided into 3 more than 2 lanes and provides one of those lanes provides for 2-way movement of traffic, a vehicle may not be operated in the center that lane except:

- A. When overtaking and passing another vehicle when the way is clearly visible and the center 2-way traffic lane is clear of traffic for a safe distance, unless an official sign or traffic control device limits the use of the center that lane to turning only;
- B. In preparation for a left turn from the 2-way traffic lane; or
- C. ~~Where~~When the center 2-way traffic lane is at the time allocated exclusively to traffic moving in the direction the vehicle is proceeding and is posted to give notice of that allocation; or
- D. As part of a 2-part turn when the vehicle turning left from a driveway or entrance uses the 2-way traffic lane until the travel lane in the direction the vehicle is proceeding can be entered safely by the vehicle.

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