

**§2052. Divided highways**

**1. Divider defined.** For purposes of this section, a "divider" means an intervening space, a physical barrier or a clearly indicated dividing space dividing 2 ways and constructed to impede vehicular traffic over it.

[PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. B, §5 (AFF).]

**2. Drive on right-hand way.** When a public way has a divider, a vehicle may be driven only on the right-hand way.

[PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. B, §5 (AFF).]

**3. Crossing.** An operator may not drive a vehicle over, across or within a divider, or an opening or crossover of a divider.

[PL 2003, c. 452, Pt. Q, §29 (AMD); PL 2003, c. 452, Pt. X, §2 (AFF).]

**3-A. Divider sign restrictions.** An operator may not disobey the restrictions on official signs at an opening or crossover of a divider.

[PL 2003, c. 452, Pt. Q, §30 (NEW); PL 2003, c. 452, Pt. X, §2 (AFF).]

**4. Limited access.** An operator may not drive a vehicle onto or from a limited-access way except at established entrances and exits.

[PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. B, §5 (AFF).]

**5. Limiting use.** The Department of Transportation or a municipality, with respect to a way under that authority's jurisdiction, may prohibit the use of a way by:

A. Pedestrians; or [PL 2003, c. 452, Pt. Q, §31 (NEW); PL 2003, c. 452, Pt. X, §2 (AFF).]

B. Bicycles, roller skis or other nonmotorized traffic, scooters, motorized bicycles or tricycles or motorized scooters. [PL 2009, c. 484, §2 (AMD).]

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**5-A. Limiting use sign restrictions.** On limiting the use of a way, the authority shall erect and maintain official signs stating the prohibition. A person may not disobey the restrictions stated on those signs.

[PL 2003, c. 452, Pt. Q, §32 (NEW); PL 2003, c. 452, Pt. X, §2 (AFF).]

**6. Ways with speed limit of 65 or more miles per hour.** An operator driving on a limited-access way with a speed limit of 65 or more miles per hour is restricted in ordinary operation to the right-hand lane and may use adjacent lanes for overtaking and passing another vehicle, but must return to the right-hand lane at the earliest opportunity. This requirement does not apply to an authorized emergency vehicle, or to a vehicle otherwise directed by posted signs, a law enforcement officer or a highway maintenance crew.

[PL 2011, c. 415, §1 (AMD).]

**7. Backing.** An operator may not drive a vehicle in reverse or back a vehicle on a limited-access way or on an entrance or exit of a limited-access way.

[PL 1995, c. 247, §3 (NEW).]

**8. Breakdown lanes.** The operator of a vehicle may not overtake another vehicle on a limited-access way by driving on the shoulder or in the breakdown lane located on the right or the left of the travel lanes.

[PL 2003, c. 340, §6 (NEW).]

**SECTION HISTORY**

PL 1993, c. 683, §A2 (NEW). PL 1993, c. 683, §B5 (AFF). PL 1995, c. 247, §3 (AMD). PL 2001, c. 360, §4 (AMD). PL 2003, c. 340, §6 (AMD). PL 2003, c. 452, §§Q29-32 (AMD). PL

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