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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO RULES OF THE ROAD.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. Section 291C-49, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3           "~~[+]§291C-49[+]~~ Driving on laned roadways ~~[laned for~~  
4 traffic]; requiring heavy trucks to drive within the right-hand  
5 lane. Whenever driving on any laned roadway ~~[has been divided~~  
6 ~~into two or more clearly marked lanes for traffic]~~ the following  
7 rules in addition to all others consistent herewith shall apply.

8           (1) A vehicle shall be driven as nearly as practicable  
9           entirely within a single lane and shall not be moved  
10           from the lane until the driver has first ascertained  
11           that such movement can be made with safety~~[-]~~;

12           (2) Upon a roadway which is divided into three lanes and  
13           provides for two-way movement of traffic, a vehicle  
14           shall not be driven in the center lane except when  
15           overtaking and passing another vehicle traveling in  
16           the same direction when the center lane is clear of  
17           traffic within a safe distance, or in preparation for  
18           making a left turn or where the center lane is at the



1 time allocated exclusively to traffic moving in the  
2 same direction that the vehicle is proceeding and such  
3 allocation is designated by official traffic-control  
4 devices[-];

5 (3) Official traffic-control devices may be erected  
6 directing specified traffic to use a designated lane  
7 or designating those lanes to be used by traffic  
8 moving in a particular direction regardless of the  
9 center of the roadway and drivers of vehicles shall  
10 obey the directions of every such sign[-];

11 (4) Official traffic-control devices may be installed  
12 prohibiting the changing of lanes on sections of  
13 roadway and drivers of vehicles shall obey the  
14 directions of every such device[-]; and

15 (5) Upon an interstate highway, a heavy truck shall be  
16 driven as nearly as practicable entirely within the  
17 right-hand lane, except when making a left turn or  
18 when an obstruction exists making it necessary to  
19 drive to the left of the right-hand lane; provided  
20 that the heavy truck shall not be moved from the lane  
21 until the driver has first ascertained that such  
22 movement can be made with safety.



1 As used in this paragraph:

2 "Heavy truck" means any motor vehicle having a gross  
3 vehicle weight rating of more than ten thousand pounds and is  
4 designed or used primarily for the carriage of property other  
5 than effects of the driver or passengers, and includes a motor  
6 vehicle to which has been added a box, platform, or other  
7 equipment for such carriage.

8 "Interstate highway" means the Dwight D. Eisenhower  
9 National System of Interstate and Defense Highways which is a  
10 network of freeways that forms a part of the National Highway  
11 System of the United States."

12 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
13 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

14 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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# H.B. NO. 67

**Report Title:**

Driving Within Right-Hand Lane; Heavy Trucks

**Description:**

Requires heavy trucks having a gross vehicle weight rating of more than 10,000 pounds to drive within the right-hand lane of an interstate highway except when the heavy truck is turning left or avoiding an obstruction.

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