

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

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Introduced

Senate Bill 441

By Senators Woodrum, Deeds, and Woelfel

[Introduced January 12, 2024; referred
to the Committee on Transportation and
Infrastructure; and then to the Committee on the
Judiciary]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article,
 2 designated §17C-26-1, §17C-26-2, §17C-26-3, §17C-26-4, §17C-26-5, and §17C-26-6, all
 3 relating to the regulation of driving in the left lane on four-lane interstate highways;
 4 providing for purpose and intent; providing for definitions; creating the prohibition;
 5 providing for penalties; creating enforcement; and providing for an effective date.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 26. REGULATION OF DRIVING IN THE LEFT LANE ON FOUR-LANE
INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS.

§17C-26-1. Purpose and intent.

1 The purpose of this article is to ensure the smooth flow of traffic on four-lane interstate
 2 highways in West Virginia, and to prevent any obstruction caused by vehicles driving in the left
 3 lane.

§17C-26-2. Definitions.

1 For purposes of this article, "four-lane interstate highway" refers to any highway under the
 2 jurisdiction of the State of West Virginia that has two lanes for traffic moving in each direction.

§17C-26-3. Prohibition

1 No person shall drive a vehicle in the left lane of a four-lane interstate highway at such a
 2 slow speed as to impede or block the normal and reasonable movement of traffic except when
 3 reduced speed is necessary for safe operation or in compliance with law.

§17C-26-4. Penalties.

1 Any person who violates the provisions of this article shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and,
 2 upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not more than \$100 for the first offense. For a second or
 3 subsequent offense within one year thereafter, the person shall be fined not more than \$200.

§17C-26-5. Enforcement.

1 All law enforcement in this state shall enforce the provisions of this article.

§17C-26-6. **Effective** **date.**

1 This article shall take effect on July 1, 2024.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to provide for the regulation of driving in the left lane on four-lane interstate highways in West Virginia. The bill provides for the purpose and intent. The bill creates definitions and provides for the prohibition. The bill provides penalties. The bill creates enforcement. Finally, the bill provides for an effective date.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.