

Assembly Bill No. 208

CHAPTER 265

An act to amend Section 21656 of the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 208, Bigelow. Vehicles: highway: lane use.

Existing law requires, on a 2-lane highway where passing is unsafe due to specified reasons, a slow-moving vehicle behind which 5 or more vehicles are formed in a line to turn off the roadway at the nearest place designed as a turnout or wherever sufficient area of a safe turnout exists in order to permit the vehicles following it to proceed.

This bill would instead require, on a 2-lane highway where passing is unsafe due to specified reasons, any vehicle proceeding upon the highway at a speed less than the normal speed of traffic moving in the same direction at that time, behind which 5 or more vehicles are formed in line, to turn off the roadway at the nearest place designated as a turnout or wherever sufficient area for a safe turnout exists.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 21656 of the Vehicle Code is amended to read:

21656. On a two-lane highway where passing is unsafe because of traffic in the opposite direction or other conditions, any vehicle proceeding upon the highway at a speed less than the normal speed of traffic moving in the same direction at that time, behind which five or more vehicles are formed in line, shall turn off the roadway at the nearest place designated as a turnout by signs erected by the authority having jurisdiction over the highway, or wherever sufficient area for a safe turnout exists, in order to permit the vehicles following it to proceed.

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