



TEXAS MOTOR LEGISLATION & POLICY
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JARRELL, TX 76537



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I hope this letter finds you well. I'm writing to you as your constituent, and a member of Texas Motor Legislation & Policy, to seek your support for proposed legislation regarding the operation of motorcycles on roadways laned for vehicle traffic

Over the past three years, our organization has conducted public polling, professional industry research, and made contact with officials, first responders, and the authors of previous bills. The majority favors the thoughtful proposal we present here.

There are various practices beneficial to motorcyclists that are often misunderstood by other motorists. We aim to increase awareness of these safer practices and indeed motorcycling itself as a whole.

Practices and Proposed Legislation:

In the context of lane usage, there are two distinct practices that are often confused or mistakenly combined in perceptions.

- “**Lane splitting**” is the **unsafe** act of maneuvering between lanes of traffic at high speeds, with excessive lane changes, little to no signaling, and usually in groups on large highways. This has achieved infamy on social media and drawn the ire of the public and officials alike, and understandably so. Many laws already exist addressing this practice and its components with strong consequences. To be clear, **this is not what we advocate for.**
- “**Lane filtering**” is the **safer** act of cautiously advancing in slow-moving or stopped traffic, usually at single-digit speeds, and only when safe and prudent conditions allow. This allows motorcyclists to remove themselves from high-risk situations.

While drafting an original bill of our own, and researching legislative activity, discovered a nearly identical bill already filed.



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House Bill 2957, 89(R), filed Feb. 18, 2025 by Rep. Ron Reynolds of dist. 27.
We have a further amended draft, and propose refiling the bill.

This bill aims to accomplish the following:

1. Properly distinguish between distinctly different, safe vs. unsafe, practices
2. Fully and legally define practices that will increase safety among motorcyclists
3. Establish specified criteria by which to implement safe practices
4. Facilitate efficient enforcement of traffic laws

End state: Benefits of Codifying Legalities of Motorcycle Lane Usage in State Statute:

- Restore prudent freedom of mobility for motorcyclists
- Provide motorcyclists a safe, legal method to reduce exposure to high-risk situations, decreasing risk of injury and mechanical failures
- Increase public awareness of motorcyclists and said safer practices
- Incentivize participation in motorcycling in pursuit of its natural benefits, including reducing traffic congestion, decreasing road wear, lowering material consumption, mitigating driver distraction, and more

States Already Embracing Lane Filtering:

Six states across the country already specifically recognize the value of lane filtering and have laws or policies allowing the practice, some even doing so recently. These include:

Arizona California Colorado Minnesota Montana Utah

Furthermore, other localities passively allow the practice when prudently done, having no documented prohibition. By joining these forward-thinking states, Texas can continue to lead the way in supporting practical transportation solutions and individual freedoms. We believe this legislation will provide clarity, stability, and security for all motorcyclists while ensuring proper regulation and enforcement of safety standards.

It is of great importance that subject matter expertise is applied to matters such as this, as they affect the vast majority of Texans on a daily basis. Early inclusion of available expertise can prevent the waste of valuable congressional time and prevent further amendments to the same matters.



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Our organization represents all vehicle enthusiasts, owners, sellers, importers, and technical professionals across Texas, and we're committed to working collaboratively with legislators to address any concerns and ensure the successful implementation of this legislation.

We would greatly appreciate the opportunity to discuss this further with you and your staff. Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information. Thank you for your time and consideration. We look forward to working with you on this important issue that affects Texans statewide.

Sincerely,

Member

Texas Motor Legislation & Policy

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Encl:

1. Text of House Bill 2957

[Texas Legislature Online - 89\(R\) HB 2957](#)



Bill, Draft - Moto
Lane Use.pdf

2. Text of amended bill to file.

3. Link: YouTube playlist of professionals discussing the issue.

[TMLP Advocacy - Motorcycle Lane Use.](#)