

Senate Engrossed House Bill
roundabouts; right-of-way; large vehicles

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HOUSE BILL 2288

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 28-729, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; AMENDING TITLE 28,
CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE 9, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 28-778;
RELATING TO TRAFFIC REGULATION.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 28-729, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 28-729. Driving on roadways laned for traffic

5 If a roadway is divided into two or more clearly marked lanes for
6 traffic, the following rules in addition to all others consistent with
7 this section apply:

8 1. Except as provided in ~~section~~ SECTIONS 28-778 AND 28-903, a
9 person shall drive a vehicle as nearly as practicable entirely within a
10 single lane and shall not move the vehicle from that lane until the driver
11 has first ascertained that the movement can be made with safety.

12 2. On a roadway that is divided into three lanes, a person shall
13 not drive a vehicle in the center lane except when overtaking and passing
14 another vehicle where the roadway is clearly visible and the center lane
15 is clear of traffic within a safe distance, or in preparation for a left
16 turn or where the center lane is at the time allocated exclusively to
17 traffic moving in the direction the vehicle is proceeding and is
18 signposted to give notice of the allocation.

19 3. Official signs may be erected directing slow-moving traffic to
20 use a designated lane or designating those lanes to be used by traffic
21 moving in a particular direction regardless of the center of the roadway,
22 and drivers of vehicles shall obey the directions of every sign.

23 Sec. 2. Title 28, chapter 3, article 9, Arizona Revised Statutes,
24 is amended by adding section 28-778, to read:

25 28-778. Roundabouts; definitions

26 A. THE OPERATOR OF A VEHICLE OR COMBINATION OF VEHICLES WITH A
27 TOTAL LENGTH OF AT LEAST FORTY FEET OR A TOTAL WIDTH OF AT LEAST TEN FEET,
28 WITH DUE REGARD FOR ALL OTHER TRAFFIC, MAY DEVIATE FROM THE LANE IN WHICH
29 THE OPERATOR IS DRIVING TO THE EXTENT NECESSARY TO APPROACH AND DRIVE
30 THROUGH A ROUNDABOUT.

31 B. WHEN APPROACHING OR DRIVING THROUGH A ROUNDABOUT, A PERSON WHO
32 IS DRIVING A VEHICLE SHALL YIELD THE RIGHT-OF-WAY TO THE OPERATOR WHO IS
33 DRIVING A VEHICLE OR COMBINATION OF VEHICLES WITH A TOTAL LENGTH OF AT
34 LEAST FORTY FEET OR A TOTAL WIDTH OF AT LEAST TEN FEET THROUGH THE
35 ROUNDABOUT AT THE SAME TIME OR SO CLOSELY IN TIME AS TO PRESENT AN
36 IMMEDIATE HAZARD AND SHALL SLOW DOWN OR STOP IF NECESSARY TO YIELD. THIS
37 SUBSECTION DOES NOT REQUIRE A PERSON WHO IS DRIVING A VEHICLE THROUGH A
38 ROUNDABOUT TO YIELD THE RIGHT-OF-WAY TO THE OPERATOR OF A VEHICLE OR
39 COMBINATION OF VEHICLES WITH A TOTAL LENGTH OF AT LEAST FORTY FEET OR A
40 TOTAL WIDTH OF AT LEAST TEN FEET THAT IS APPROACHING THE ROUNDABOUT.

41 C. IF TWO VEHICLES OR COMBINATION OF VEHICLES EACH HAVING A TOTAL
42 LENGTH OF AT LEAST FORTY FEET OR A TOTAL WIDTH OF AT LEAST TEN FEET
43 APPROACH OR DRIVE THROUGH A ROUNDABOUT AT THE SAME TIME OR SO CLOSELY IN
44 TIME AS TO PRESENT AN IMMEDIATE HAZARD, THE DRIVER ON THE RIGHT SHALL

1 YIELD THE RIGHT-OF-WAY TO THE DRIVER ON THE LEFT AND SHALL SLOW DOWN OR
2 STOP IF NECESSARY TO YIELD.

3 D. THE DIRECTOR OR LOCAL JURISDICTION, ON HIGHWAYS UNDER THE
4 APPLICABLE JURISDICTION, SHALL POST SIGNS AT ALL ROUNDABOUTS, WHETHER
5 CONSTRUCTED BEFORE, ON OR AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION. THE
6 SIGNS SHALL INCLUDE BOTH OF THE FOLLOWING:

7 1. A YIELD SIGN BEFORE THE ROUNDABOUT ENTRANCE.
8 2. A SIGN, AS OUTLINED IN SUBSECTION E OF THIS SECTION, BEFORE THE
9 ROUNDABOUT ENTRANCE.

10 E. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:

11 1. DESIGN A UNIFORM AND STANDARD SIGN TO CONVEY THE INFORMATION
12 THAT LARGE TRUCKS HAVE THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OR THAT VEHICLES SHOULD YIELD TO
13 LARGE TRUCKS IN A ROUNDABOUT.

14 2. DEVELOP A UNIFORM STANDARD BY WHICH THE SIGN IS TO BE DISPLAYED
15 ALONG WITH THE STANDARD YIELD SIGN.

16 F. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION:

17 1. "COLLECTOR STREET" MEANS A STREET THAT SERVES OR IS INTENDED TO
18 SERVE AS THE PRINCIPAL TRAFFIC WAY BETWEEN LARGE AND SEPARATED AREAS OR
19 DISTRICTS AND THAT IS THE MAIN MEANS OF ACCESS BETWEEN ARTERIAL STREETS OR
20 AS OTHERWISE DEFINED IN A LOCAL JURISDICTION'S TRANSPORTATION PLAN.

21 2. "LOCAL ROAD" MEANS A STREET THAT IS USUALLY IN A RESIDENTIAL
22 AREA AND THAT PROVIDES CONNECTIVITY BETWEEN A COLLECTOR STREET AND AN
23 ARTERIAL STREET FOR LOCAL TRAFFIC OR AS OTHERWISE DEFINED IN A LOCAL
24 JURISDICTION'S TRANSPORTATION PLAN.

25 3. "ROUNDABOUT":

26 (a) MEANS A CIRCULAR INTERSECTION OR JUNCTION IN WHICH ROAD TRAFFIC
27 FLOWS ALMOST CONTINUOUSLY IN ONE DIRECTION AROUND A CENTRAL ISLAND.

28 (b) FOR THE PURPOSES OF SUBSECTION D OF THIS SECTION, DOES NOT
29 INCLUDE AN INTERSECTION OR JUNCTION THAT IS LOCATED ON A LOCAL ROAD OR A
30 COLLECTOR STREET.