

REFERENCE TITLE: slow driving; left lane; penalty

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## **SB 1681**

Introduced by  
Senators Gowan: Carroll; Representatives Biasiucci, Carbone, Diaz, Dunn,  
Hendrix, Martinez, Wilmeth

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 28-721, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO DRIVING.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Section 28-721, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:

4 28-721. Driving on right side of roadway; driving on  
5 shoulder; exceptions; civil penalty; education

6 A. On all roadways of sufficient width, a person shall drive a  
7 vehicle on the right half of the roadway except as follows:

8 1. When overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding in the  
9 same direction under the rules governing the movement.

10 2. When the right half of a roadway is closed to traffic while  
11 under construction or repair.

12 3. On a roadway divided into three marked lanes for traffic under  
13 the rules applicable on the roadway.

14 4. On a roadway designated and signposted for one-way traffic.

15 B. On all roadways, a person driving a vehicle proceeding at less  
16 than the normal speed of traffic at the time and place and under the  
17 conditions then existing shall drive the vehicle in the right-hand lane  
18 then available for traffic or as close as practicable to the right-hand  
19 curb or edge of the roadway, except when overtaking and passing another  
20 vehicle proceeding in the same direction or when preparing for a left turn  
21 at an intersection or into a private road or driveway. **A PERSON WHO**  
22 **VIOLATES THIS SUBSECTION IS SUBJECT TO A CIVIL PENALTY OF \$250.**

23 C. In an age restricted community that is located in an  
24 unincorporated area of a county with a population of more than three  
25 million persons, a person may drive a golf cart or a neighborhood electric  
26 vehicle on a paved shoulder that is adjacent to a roadway or as close as  
27 practicable to the right-hand curb or edge of a paved roadway if there is  
28 no delineated paved shoulder.

29 D. Defensive driving school courses that are offered by defensive  
30 driving schools operated pursuant to chapter 8, article 7 of this title  
31 and traffic survival schools operated pursuant to chapter 8, article 7.1  
32 of this title shall include educational information relating to  
33 subsections A and B of this section. The department shall include  
34 information relating to subsections A and B of this section in any of the  
35 department's examination, information and education materials.