

1 *House* BILL NO *225*
 2 INTRODUCED BY *W. Barth Magone R Barth*
 3
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 5 32-2156, R.C.M. 1947, TO PROHIBIT DRIVING IN THE LEFT LANE
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 16 conditions:

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- 18 curve in the highway where the driver's view is obstructed
- 19 within such distance as to create a hazard in the event
- 20 another vehicle might approach from the opposite direction;
- 21 2. When when approaching within one hundred (100) feet
- 22 of or traversing any intersection or railroad grade
- 23 crossing; or
- 24 3. When when the view is obstructed upon approaching
- 25 within one hundred (100) feet of any bridge, viaduct, or

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- 7 overtaking and passing another vehicle;
- 8 2. when the right hand lane is closed, open to
- 9 restricted traffic only, or obstructed;
- 10 3. when the driver must drive to the left to proceed
- 11 through an intersection or interchange in a desired
- 12 direction of travel; or
- 13 4. when traffic density and flow is such that driving
- 14 to the right is not safe and practical.

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 17 soon as it is practical and safe to do so.

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 19 follows:

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