

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2005**

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HOUSE BILL 12

Short Title: Left Lane For Passing Only.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives LaRoque; Lewis, Pate, and Walend.

Referred to: Judiciary II.

January 31, 2005

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT PROVIDING THAT ON HIGHWAYS OF FOUR OR MORE LANES A
2 VEHICLE TRAVELING AT LESS THAN THE NORMAL SPEED OF OTHER
3 VEHICLES SHALL NOT BE DRIVEN IN THE LEFTMOST LANE.
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 20-146 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

7 "(c1) Upon any highway having four or more lanes for moving traffic and
8 providing for the two-way movement of traffic, no vehicle being driven slower than the
9 normal speed of other vehicles at the time and place under existing conditions shall be
10 driven in the leftmost travel lane unless the vehicle is:

11 (1) Passing another vehicle;

12 (2) Preparing for a left turn at an intersection or into a private road or
13 Driveway; or

14 (3) Preparing to exit the highway at a left exiting interchange.

15 The Department of Transportation shall designate locations where this subsection is
16 most likely to be violated, including along interstate highways, with signs reading 'Left
17 Lane for Passing Only.'"

18 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective December 1, 2005, and applies to
19 offenses committed on or after that date.