

Regular Session, 2012

SENATE BILL NO. 503

BY SENATOR CLAITOR

TRAFFIC. Permits driving in left lane in certain municipalities. (8/1/12)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 32:71(B)(3), relative to motor vehicles; to provide relative to driving in the  
3 left lane in certain municipalities; and to provide for related matters.

4 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

5 Section 1. R.S. 32:71(B)(3) is enacted to read as follows:

6 §71. Driving on right side of road; exceptions

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8 B. \* \* \*  
9 \* \* \*

10 **(3) The provisions of this Subsection shall not apply in any municipality**  
11 **having a population greater than two hundred ten thousand inhabitants but less**  
12 **than three hundred thousand inhabitants according to the latest federal census.**

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Sharon F. Lyles.

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#### DIGEST

Present law provides that no vehicle will be driven in the left-hand lane on any multilane highway except when directed otherwise, preparing for a left turn at an intersection or private road or driveway, overtaking or passing another vehicle proceeding in the same direction, or when right-hand lanes are congested.

Present law provides that no vehicle traveling in the left-hand lane will be driven at a speed slower than any vehicle traveling to its right on the same roadway.

Present law provides that on multilane highways any vehicle proceeding at less than the normal speed of traffic at the time and place and under the circumstances then existing, will be driven in the right-hand lane then available for traffic except when preparing for a left turn at an intersection or into a private road or driveway, or passing or overtaking a vehicle proceeding in the same direction, if passing on the left side of it. Requires a penalty of a fine of \$100 or imprisonment for 30 days, or both.

Proposed law provides that present law does not apply in any municipality having a population greater than 210,000 inhabitants but less than 300,000 inhabitants according to the latest federal census.

Effective August 1, 2012.

(Adds R.S. 32:71(B)(3))