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Short Title: Clarify Left-Turn Rules.

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Sponsors: Senator Winner.

Referred to: Transportation.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE RULES FOR MAKING LEFT TURNS ON VARIOUS ROADWAYS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 20-153(b) reads as rewritten:

"(b) Left Turns. – The driver of a vehicle intending to turn left at any intersection shall approach the intersection in the extreme left-hand lane lawfully available to traffic moving in the direction of travel of ~~such that~~ vehicle, and, after entering the intersection, the left turn shall be made so as to leave the intersection in a lane lawfully available to traffic moving in ~~such the~~ direction upon the roadway being entered. ~~Whenever practicable the left turn shall be made in that portion of the intersection to the left of the center of the intersection.~~

When making a left turn, the following rules apply:

(1) When a vehicle on a one-way street makes a left turn onto a one-way street, with the traffic moving from the driver's right to the driver's left, the turn shall be initiated from the leftmost available lane of travel into the leftmost available lane of travel;

(2) When a vehicle on a one-way street makes a left turn onto a two-way street, the turn shall be initiated from the leftmost available lane of

- 1 travel into the leftmost available lane of travel to the right of the center
2 line with traffic moving from the driver's right to the driver's left;
3 (3) When a vehicle on a two-way street makes a left turn onto a one-way
4 street, with traffic moving from the driver's right to the driver's left, the
5 turn shall be initiated from the leftmost available lane of travel to the
6 right of the center line into the leftmost available lane of travel; and
7 (4) When a vehicle on a two-way street makes a left turn onto a two-way
8 street, the turn shall be initiated from the leftmost available lane of
9 travel to the right of the center lane to the leftmost available lane of
10 travel to the right of the center line, with traffic moving from the driver's
11 right to the driver's left."

12 Section 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.