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## CHAPTER 531

AN ACT to amend 85.15 (1) and (4), 85.17 (2) and 85.18 (1), (4) and (5); and to create 85.15 (5) and 85.17 (2a) of the statutes, relating to the operation of vehicles upon highways, the making of left turns therefrom, and right-of-way at intersections.

*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. 85.15 (1) and (4) of the statutes are amended to read:

85.15 (1) Upon all highways of sufficient width, except upon one-way highways, the operator of a vehicle shall operate the same upon the right half of the roadway \* \* \* *and in the right-hand lane of a 3-lane highway, unless it is impractical to travel on such side of the roadway or in such lane and \* \* \* except when preparing to make a left turn from a 3-lane highway or when overtaking and passing another vehicle subject to the limitations applicable to overtaking and passing as set forth in this chapter \* \* \*. The operator of a slow moving vehicle shall operate such vehicle as closely as practical to the right-hand edge or curb of the roadway.* The foregoing provisions \* \* \* shall not be deemed to prevent the marking of lanes for traffic upon any roadway and the allocation of designated lanes to traffic moving in a particular direction or at designated speeds or the operation of highway maintenance equipment on the left-hand side of a highway as authorized by s. 85.18 (12).

(4) Operators of vehicles proceeding in opposite directions shall pass each other to the right, \* \* \* *and upon roadways having width for not more than one line of traffic in each direction each operator shall give to*

the other at least one-half of the main traveled portion of the roadway as nearly as possible.

SECTION 2. 85.15 (5) of the statutes is created to read:

85.15 (5) OPERATING ON 3-LANE HIGHWAYS. Upon a roadway which is divided into 3 lanes a vehicle shall not be operated in the center lane except when overtaking and passing another vehicle where the roadway is clearly visible and such center lane is clear of traffic within a safe distance, or in preparation for a left turn, or where such center lane is at the time allocated exclusively to traffic moving in the direction the vehicle is proceeding and is marked or posted to give notice of such allocation.

SECTION 3. 85.17 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

85.17 (2) The operator of a vehicle intending to turn to the left at an intersection or into a private highway shall make such turn from the traffic lane immediately to the right of and next to the center of the highway \* \* \*, or from the center lane of a highway having an uneven number of lanes unless such center lane has been posted or marked for vehicles moving in the opposite direction. In making the turn, he shall pass immediately to the left of the center of the intersection, passing as closely as practicable to the left of the center of the intersection, and shall leave the intersection immediately to the right of the center of the intersected highway. For purposes of this subsection a divided highway intersected by any other highway shall be considered one intersection.

SECTION 3a. 85.17 (2a) of the statutes is created to read:

85.17 (2a) TURNING LEFT ON ONE-WAY STREETS. At any intersection where traffic is restricted to one direction on one or more of the roadways, the driver of a vehicle intending to turn left at any such intersection shall approach the intersection in the extreme left-hand lane lawfully available to traffic moving in the direction of travel of such vehicle and after entering the intersection the left turn shall be made so as to leave the intersection, as nearly as practicable, in the left-hand lane lawfully available to traffic moving in such direction upon the roadway being entered.

SECTION 4. 85.18 (1), (4) and (5) of the statutes are amended to read:

85.18 (1) When 2 vehicles approach or enter an intersection at approximately the same time, the driver of the vehicle on the left shall yield the right-of-way to the vehicle on the right, except as otherwise provided in this section. The driver of any vehicle driving at an unlawful speed shall forfeit any right-of-way which he might otherwise have hereunder.  
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(4) The operator of \* \* \* a vehicle \* \* \* shall stop as required by s. 85.69 \* \* \* before entering an artery for through traffic, \* \* \* and shall yield the right-of-way to other vehicles which have entered or are approaching the intersection upon the artery for through traffic.

(5) The operator of a vehicle within an intersection intending to turn to the left across the path of any vehicle approaching from the opposite direction, may make such left turn where it is permitted only after affording a reasonable opportunity to the operator of \* \* \* the approaching vehicle to avoid a collision. The operator of a vehicle approaching but not having entered an intersection shall yield the right-of-way to a vehicle within such intersection and turning therein to the left across the line of travel of such first mentioned vehicle; provided, the operator of the vehicle turning left has given a plainly visible signal of intention to so turn.

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