

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 5052

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As of January 23, 2017

**Title:** An act relating to modifying the penalty amount for certain left lane driving.

**Brief Description:** Modifying the penalty amount for certain left lane driving.

**Sponsors:** Senators Dansel and Palumbo.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Transportation: 1/23/17.

**Brief Summary of Bill**

- Increases the penalty for the traffic infraction of driving continuously in the left lane to \$181.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

**Staff:** Kim Johnson (786-7472)

**Background:** On all roads that have two or more lanes for traffic traveling in the same direction, vehicles must be driven in the right-hand lane unless (1) the vehicle is overtaking and passing another vehicle driving in the same direction, (2) the vehicle is traveling at a speed greater than the traffic flow, (3) the vehicle is moving left to allow traffic to merge, or (4) the vehicle is preparing for a left turn at an intersection, exit, or into a private road or driveway when a left turn is legally permitted.

High occupancy vehicle lanes are not considered the left-hand lane of a roadway.

It is a traffic infraction to drive continuously in the left lane of a multilane roadway when it impedes the flow of other traffic. The total penalty for this infraction is \$136.

**Summary of Bill:** The base penalty for the traffic infraction of driving continuously in the left lane of a multilane roadway when it impedes the flow of other traffic is \$70. The total penalty for the infraction after statutory assessments is \$181.

**Appropriation:** None.

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**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Creates Committee/Commission/Task Force that includes Legislative members:** No.

**Effective Date:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.