
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 2245

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By House Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Barkis, Ramos, Goehner, and Boehnke)

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1 AN ACT Relating to roundabouts; amending RCW 46.61.140; and
2 adding a new section to chapter 46.04 RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 46.04
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 (1) "Circular intersection" means an intersection characterized
7 by a circulatory roadway, generally circular in design, located in
8 the center of the intersection. A circular intersection encompasses
9 the area bounded by the outermost curb line or, if there is no curb,
10 the edge of the pavement, and includes crosswalks on any entering or
11 exiting roadway.

12 (2) "Circular intersection" includes: (a) Roundabouts; (b)
13 rotaries; and (c) traffic circles.

14 **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.61.140 and 1965 ex.s. c 155 s 23 are each amended
15 to read as follows:

16 Whenever any roadway has been divided into two or more clearly
17 marked lanes for traffic the following rules in addition to all
18 others consistent herewith shall apply:

19 (1) A vehicle shall be driven as nearly as practicable entirely
20 within a single lane and shall not be moved from such lane until the

1 driver has first ascertained that such movement can be made with
2 safety.

3 (2) Upon a roadway which is divided into three lanes and provides
4 for two-way movement of traffic, a vehicle shall not be driven in the
5 center lane except when overtaking and passing another vehicle
6 traveling in the same direction when such center lane is clear of
7 traffic within a safe distance, or in preparation for making a left
8 turn or where such center lane is at the time allocated exclusively
9 to traffic moving in the same direction that the vehicle is
10 proceeding and such allocation is designated by official traffic-
11 control devices.

12 (3) Official traffic-control devices may be erected directing
13 slow moving or other specified traffic to use a designated lane or
14 designating those lanes to be used by traffic moving in a particular
15 direction regardless of the center of the roadway and drivers of
16 vehicles shall obey the directions of every such device.

17 (4) Official traffic-control devices may be installed prohibiting
18 the changing of lanes on sections of roadway and drivers of vehicles
19 shall obey the directions of every such device.

20 (5) Pursuant to subsection (1) of this section, the operator of a
21 vehicle or combination of vehicles meeting the requirements of RCW
22 46.04.530 and with a total length in excess of forty feet or a total
23 width exceeding ten feet may, with due regard for all other traffic,
24 deviate from the lane in which the operator is driving to the extent
25 necessary to approach and drive through a roundabout.

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