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Introduction and first reading
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OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to public safety; traffic regulation; amending requirements for left turns;
1.3 amending Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 169.19, subdivision 1.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 169.19, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.6 Subdivision 1. **Turning at intersection.** The driver of a vehicle intending to turn at an
1.7 intersection shall do so as follows:

1.8 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, both the approach for a right turn
1.9 and a right turn shall be made as close as practicable to the right-hand curb or edge of the
1.10 roadway. When necessary to accommodate vehicle configuration, a driver is permitted to
1.11 make a right turn into the farthest lane of a roadway with two or more lanes in the same
1.12 direction in order to make a U-turn at a reduced conflict intersection, if it is safe to do so.

1.13 (b) Approach for a left turn on other than one-way roadways shall be made in that portion
1.14 of the right half of the roadway nearest the centerline thereof, and after entering the
1.15 intersection the left turn shall be made so as to leave the intersection ~~to the right of the~~
1.16 ~~centerline of the roadway being entered~~ in that portion of the right half of the roadway
1.17 nearest the centerline. Whenever practicable the left turn shall be made in that portion of
1.18 the intersection to the left of the center of the intersection.

1.19 (c) Approach for a left turn from a two-way roadway into a one-way roadway shall be
1.20 made in that portion of the right half of the roadway nearest the centerline thereof and by
1.21 passing to the right of such centerline where it enters the intersection.

2.1 (d) A left turn from a one-way roadway into a two-way roadway shall be made from the
2.2 left-hand lane and by passing to the right of the centerline of the roadway being entered
2.3 upon leaving the intersection.

2.4 (e) Where both streets or roadways are one way, both the approach for a left turn and a
2.5 left turn shall be made as close as practicable to the left-hand curb or edge of the roadway.

2.6 (f) Where there are two or more designated turn lanes in the same direction, the driver
2.7 must exit the intersection so as to remain in the same lane that the driver was in when the
2.8 driver approached the intersection.

2.9 (g) Local authorities in their respective jurisdictions may cause markers, buttons, or
2.10 signs to be placed within or adjacent to intersections and thereby require and direct that a
2.11 different course from that specified in this section be traveled by vehicles turning at an
2.12 intersection, and when markers, buttons, or signs are so placed no driver of a vehicle shall
2.13 turn a vehicle at an intersection other than as directed and required by such markers, buttons,
2.14 or signs.

2.15 ~~(g)~~ (h) Whenever it is necessary for the driver of a motor vehicle to cross a bicycle lane
2.16 adjacent to the driver's lane of travel to make a turn, the driver shall first signal the movement,
2.17 then drive the motor vehicle into the bicycle lane prior to making the turn, but only after it
2.18 is safe to do so. The driver shall then make the turn consistent with any traffic markers,
2.19 buttons, or signs, yielding the right-of-way to any vehicles or bicycles approaching so close
2.20 thereto as to constitute an immediate hazard.