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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 863

02/07/2019 Authored by Bierman, Hassan, Cantrell, Wolgamott and Huot The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Transportation Finance and Policy Division

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to transportation; modifying right-of-way provisions for semitrailers and
1.3 oversize vehicles in roundabouts; amending Minnesota Statutes 2018, sections
1.4 169.18, subdivision 7; 169.20, by adding a subdivision.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 169.18, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 7. Laned highway. When any roadway has been divided into two or more clearly
1.8 marked lanes for traffic, the following rules, in addition to all others consistent herewith,
1.9 shall with this subdivision, apply:

1.10 (a) (1) A vehicle shall be driven as nearly as practicable entirely within a single lane
1.11 and shall not be moved from such the lane until the driver has first ascertained that such the
1.12 movement can be made with safety;

1.13 (b) (2) Upon a roadway which is not a one-way roadway and which is divided into three
1.14 lanes, a vehicle shall not be driven in the center lane except when overtaking and passing
1.15 another vehicle where the roadway is clearly visible and such the center lane is clear of
1.16 traffic within a safe distance, or in preparation for a left turn or where such the center lane
1.17 is at the time allocated exclusively to traffic moving in the direction the vehicle is proceeding,
1.18 and is signposted to give notice of such the allocation. The left lane of a three-lane roadway
1.19 which is not a one-way roadway shall not be used for overtaking and passing another vehicle;

1.20 (c) (3) Official signs may be erected directing slow-moving traffic to use a designated
1.21 lane or allocating specified lanes to traffic moving in the same direction, and drivers of
1.22 vehicles shall obey the directions of every such sign;

2.1 ~~(d)~~ (4) Whenever a bicycle lane has been established on a roadway, any person operating
2.2 a motor vehicle on ~~such~~ the roadway shall not drive in the bicycle lane except to perform
2.3 parking maneuvers in order to park where parking is permitted, to enter or leave the highway,
2.4 to prepare for a turn as provided in section 169.19, subdivision 1, or to stop a school bus
2.5 for the purpose of receiving or discharging any person provided the school bus is equipped
2.6 and identified as provided in sections 169.441 and 169.442, subdivision 1, and the flashing
2.7 red signals are activated and stop-signal arm is extended; and

2.8 (5) notwithstanding clause (1), the operator of a vehicle or combination of vehicles with
2.9 a total length in excess of 40 feet or a total width exceeding ten feet may, with due regard
2.10 for all other traffic, deviate from the lane in which the operator is driving to the extent
2.11 necessary to approach and drive through a roundabout.

2.12 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 169.20, is amended by adding a subdivision to
2.13 read:

2.14 Subd. 8. **Roundabouts.** If two vehicles or combinations of vehicles each having a total
2.15 length in excess of 40 feet or a total width in excess of ten feet approach or drive through
2.16 a roundabout at approximately the same time or so closely as to constitute a hazard of
2.17 collision, the operator of the vehicle or combination of vehicles on the right must yield the
2.18 right-of-way to the vehicle or combination of vehicles on the left and, if necessary, must
2.19 reduce speed or stop in order to so yield.