## TITLE 9: VEHICLE CODE DIVISION 5: RULES OF THE ROAD

## § 5304. Driving on Highways Laned for Traffic.

When any highway has been divided into three or more clearly marked lanes for traffic, the following rules, in addition to all others consistent with them, shall apply:

- (a) A vehicle shall be operated as nearly as practical entirely within a single lane and may not be moved from the lane until the operator has first ascertained that the movement can be made with safety.
- (b) Upon a highway which is divided into three lanes a vehicle may not be operated in the center lane except when overtaking and passing another vehicle where the highway ahead is clearly visible and the center lane is clear of traffic within a safe distance, or in preparation for a left turn or where the center lane is at the time allocated exclusively to traffic moving in the direction the vehicle is proceeding and is sign-posted to give notice of the allocation.
- (c) Official traffic signs may be erected directing slow moving traffic to use a designated lane or allocating specified lanes to traffic moving in the same direction and operators of vehicles shall obey the directions of every such sign.

**Source:** PL 3-61, § 1 (§ 514).