

KDOT Proposed Language

8-1545. Required position and method of turning vehicles. (a) The driver of a vehicle intending to turn shall do so as follows: (1) Right turns. Both the approach for a right turn and a right turn shall be made as close as practicable to the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway. (2) Left turns. ~~The driver of a vehicle intending to turn left shall approach the turn in the extreme left hand lane lawfully available to traffic moving in the direction of travel of such vehicle. Whenever practicable a left turn at an intersection shall be made to the left of the center of the intersection, and any left turn shall be made so as to leave the intersection or other location in the extreme left hand lane lawfully available to traffic moving in the same direction as such vehicle on the roadway being entered.~~ (A) Left turns from a through lane: When a driver is turning from a through lane and there is no designated left turn lane present, the driver of a vehicle intending to turn left should approach the turn in the extreme left through lane and the turn should be made into the extreme left hand lane lawfully available for the direction of travel. A left turn from a through lane shall be made in this manner whenever practicable; (B) Left turns from a designated left turn lane: When one designated left turn lane indicated by official traffic control devices is present, the driver of a vehicle intending to turn left should approach the turn in the designated left turn lane and turn into the extreme left hand lane lawfully available for the direction of travel. A left turn from a single designated left turn lane shall be made in this manner whenever practicable; (C) Left turns involving multiple designated left turn lanes: When multiple designated left turn lanes are present as indicated by official traffic control devices, the driver of the vehicle intending to turn left should approach the turn in any designated left turn lane and turn into the corresponding receiving lane lawfully available for the direction of travel. A left turn from one of multiple designated left turn lanes shall be made in this manner whenever practicable.

(b) ~~Two-way left turn lanes. Where a special lane for making left turns by drivers proceeding in opposite directions has been indicated by official traffic control devices: (1) A left turn shall not be made from any other lane; (2) a vehicle shall not be driven in the lane except when preparing for or making a left turn from or into the roadway or when preparing for or making a U-turn when otherwise permitted by law. When one or more designated left turn only lanes have been indicated by official traffic control devices a vehicle shall not be driven in the lane except when preparing for or making a left turn from the roadway or into the roadway or when preparing for or making a U-turn when otherwise permitted by law.~~ (c) The secretary of transportation and local authorities in their respective jurisdictions may cause official traffic-control devices to be placed and thereby require and direct that a different course from that specified in this section be traveled by turning vehicles, and when such devices are so placed no driver shall turn a vehicle other than as directed and required by such devices. History: L. 1974, ch. 33, § 8-1545; L. 1975, ch. 427, § 22; L. 1995, ch. 188, § 6; July 1.