

**SENATE BILL No. 79**

By Committee on Transportation

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1 AN ACT regulating traffic; concerning turning lanes; left-hand lane turns  
2 at intersection; amending K.S.A. 8-1545 and repealing the existing  
3 section.

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5 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

6 Section 1. K.S.A. 8-1545 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-  
7 1545. (a) The driver of a vehicle intending to turn shall do so as follows:

8 (1) *Right turns.* Both the approach for a right turn and a right turn  
9 shall be made as close as practicable to the right-hand curb or edge of the  
10 roadway.

11 (2) *Left turns.* The driver of a vehicle intending to turn left shall  
12 approach the turn in the extreme left-hand lane lawfully available to traffic  
13 moving in the direction of travel of such vehicle. Whenever practicable a  
14 left turn at an intersection shall be made to the left of the center of the  
15 intersection, and any left turn shall be made so as to leave the intersection  
16 or other location in the extreme left-hand lane lawfully available to traffic  
17 moving in the same direction as such vehicle on the roadway being entered  
18 the driver. The turn shall be made to the left of the center of the  
19 intersection, and the vehicle shall turn into the extreme left-hand lane  
20 lawfully available to such vehicle.

21 (b) *Two-way left turn lanes.* Where a special lane for making left  
22 turns by drivers proceeding in opposite directions has been indicated by  
23 official traffic control devices: (1) A left turn shall not be made from any  
24 other lane; (2) a vehicle shall not be driven in the lane except when  
25 preparing for or making a left turn from or into the roadway or when  
26 preparing for or making a U-turn when otherwise permitted by law.

27 (c) The secretary of transportation and local authorities in their  
28 respective jurisdictions may cause official traffic-control devices to be  
29 placed and thereby require and direct that a different course from that  
30 specified in this section be traveled by turning vehicles, and when such  
31 devices are so placed no driver shall turn a vehicle other than as directed  
32 and required by such devices.

33 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 8-1545 is hereby repealed.

34 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
35 publication in the statute book.