

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 705

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE WOODS.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

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## AN ACT

To amend chapter 304, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to motorcycle operation, with a penalty provision.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Chapter 304, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be  
2 known as section 304.039, to read as follows:

**304.039. 1. As used in this section, the following terms mean:**

2 (1) "Lane filtering", driving a motorcycle, as defined in section 301.010, between  
3 rows of stopped or slow-moving vehicles that are traveling in the same direction as the  
4 motorcycle on divided or undivided streets, roads, or highways;

5 (2) "Lane splitting", driving a motorcycle, as defined in section 301.010, between  
6 rows of fast-moving vehicles that are traveling in the same direction as the motorcycle  
7 on divided or undivided streets, roads, or highways.

8 2. An operator of a motorcycle may overtake and pass vehicles in the same lane  
9 occupied by a vehicle being overtaken, or between the lanes of two vehicles being  
10 overtaken, so long as the operator of the motorcycle is traveling at a rate of speed not  
11 more than ten miles per hour over the speed of traffic flow and not more than twenty-  
12 five miles per hour.

13 3. Nothing in this section shall be construed as authorizing lane splitting.

14 4. Any operator of a motor vehicle who intentionally impedes or attempts to  
15 prevent any operator of a motorcycle from operating his or her motorcycle as permitted  
16 under this subsection shall be guilty of an infraction.

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in bold-face type in the above bill is proposed language.

17           **5. The Missouri state highway patrol may develop educational guidelines**  
18 **relating to lane filtering in a manner that would ensure the safety of the motorcycle**  
19 **operator and the drivers and passengers of the surrounding vehicles.**

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