



Lane Filtering

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Purpose

Lane filtering means, when operating a motorcycle other than an autocycle, the act of overtaking and passing another vehicle that is stopped in the same direction of travel in the same lane. ([41-6a-102\(39\)](#))

Under current law, a motorcyclist can lane filter only:

- on a road with two or more lanes in the same direction, or a multi-lane off-ramp;
- when the posted speed limit is 45 miles per hour or less;
- when the vehicle being overtaken is stopped;
- when the motorcycle is traveling at 15 miles per hour or less; AND
- when the movement can be made safely.

Lane filtering is not allowed on freeway on-ramps. A violation of this law is a traffic infraction. ([41-6a-704](#))

Lane splitting, which does not include lane filtering, means, when operating a motorcycle other than an autocycle, the act of riding a motorcycle between clearly marked lanes for traffic traveling in the same direction of travel while traffic is in motion. ([41-6a-102\(40\)](#))

Lane splitting is illegal under current law; a violation is a traffic infraction and subject to impound at an officer's discretion. A conviction also results in a 90-day suspension of an individual's motorcycle endorsement, or, if they do not have a motorcycle endorsement, the individual's driver license. A second conviction results in a 180-day suspension, and a third or subsequent conviction results in a revocation of the individual's motorcycle endorsement. ([41-6a-704.1](#))

History

The Legislature made lane filtering legal for motorcyclists in the [2019 General Session, with H.B. 149 \(Brooks/Hinkins\)](#), to improve motorcycle safety by reducing the risk of being rear-ended. The provisions took effect in May of 2019 and had an initial sunset date of July 1, 2022.

In the [2022 General Session, the Legislature passed H.B. 10 \(Brooks/Ipson\)](#), which extended the sunset date five years, to July 1, 2027. This bill was unanimously approved by the Transportation Interim Committee as a result of its sunset review.

In the 2024 General Session, the Legislature modified allowable uses of lane filtering to include a multi-lane freeway off-ramp and exclude a freeway on-ramp ([H.B. 311 Gricius/Ipson](#)).

In the 2025 General Session, the Legislature passed several provisions related to the safe operation of a motorcycle, including defining and prohibiting "lane splitting," which is separate from lane filtering ([H.B. 190 Thurston/Wilson](#)).

Current Sunset Date

July 1, 2027 (Utah Code [Section 63I-1-241](#))



Code Sections that Repeal

1. Utah Code Subsection [41-6a-102\(39\)](#)

41-6a-102. Definitions.

As used in this chapter:

- ~~(39) (a) "Lane filtering" means, when operating a motorcycle other than an autocycle, the act of overtaking and passing another vehicle that is stopped in the same direction of travel in the same lane.~~
- ~~(b) "Lane filtering" does not include lane splitting.~~

2. Utah Code Subsection [41-6a-704\(6\)](#)

41-6a-704. Overtaking and passing vehicles proceeding in same direction.

~~(6) An individual may engage in lane filtering only when the following conditions exist:~~

- ~~(a) the individual is operating a motorcycle;~~
- ~~(b) the individual is:
 - ~~(i) on a roadway that is divided into two or more adjacent traffic lanes in the same direction of travel; or~~
 - ~~(ii) on an off-ramp that is divided into two or more adjacent traffic lanes in the same direction of travel;~~~~
- ~~(c) the individual is:
 - ~~(i) on a roadway with a speed limit of 45 miles per hour or less; or~~
 - ~~(ii) on an off-ramp;~~~~
- ~~(d) the individual is not on an on-ramp;~~
- ~~(e) the vehicle being overtaken in the same lane is stopped;~~
- ~~(f) the motorcycle is traveling at a speed of 15 miles per hour or less; and~~
- ~~(g) the movement may be made safely.~~

3. Utah Code Subsection [41-6a-710\(1\)\(c\)\(i\)](#)

41-6a-710. Roadway divided into marked lanes -- Provisions -- Traffic-control devices.

- ~~(c) Subsection [\(1\)\(a\)](#) does not apply to:
 - ~~(i) an individual operating a motorcycle engaging in lane filtering as described in Section [41-6a-704](#);~~
 - ~~(ii) a school bus that temporarily impedes a parking or bike lane while operating along the school bus's planned route and schedule; or~~
 - ~~(iii) a public transit vehicle, as defined in Section [17B-2a-802](#), that temporarily impedes a parking or bike lane while loading or unloading passengers, or making an operational adjustment, along the public transit vehicle's planned route and schedule.~~~~