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# Lane Filtering: Sunset Review

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# What is lane filtering?

## A MOTORCYCLIST MAY USE LANE FILTERING



OR LESS

Lane filtering is legal in Utah anywhere the posted speed limit is 45 mph or less. **Lane filtering is not legal on the freeway or on ramps, but it is allowed on off ramps.**



Motorcycle speeds **can not be more than 15 mph** when filtering.



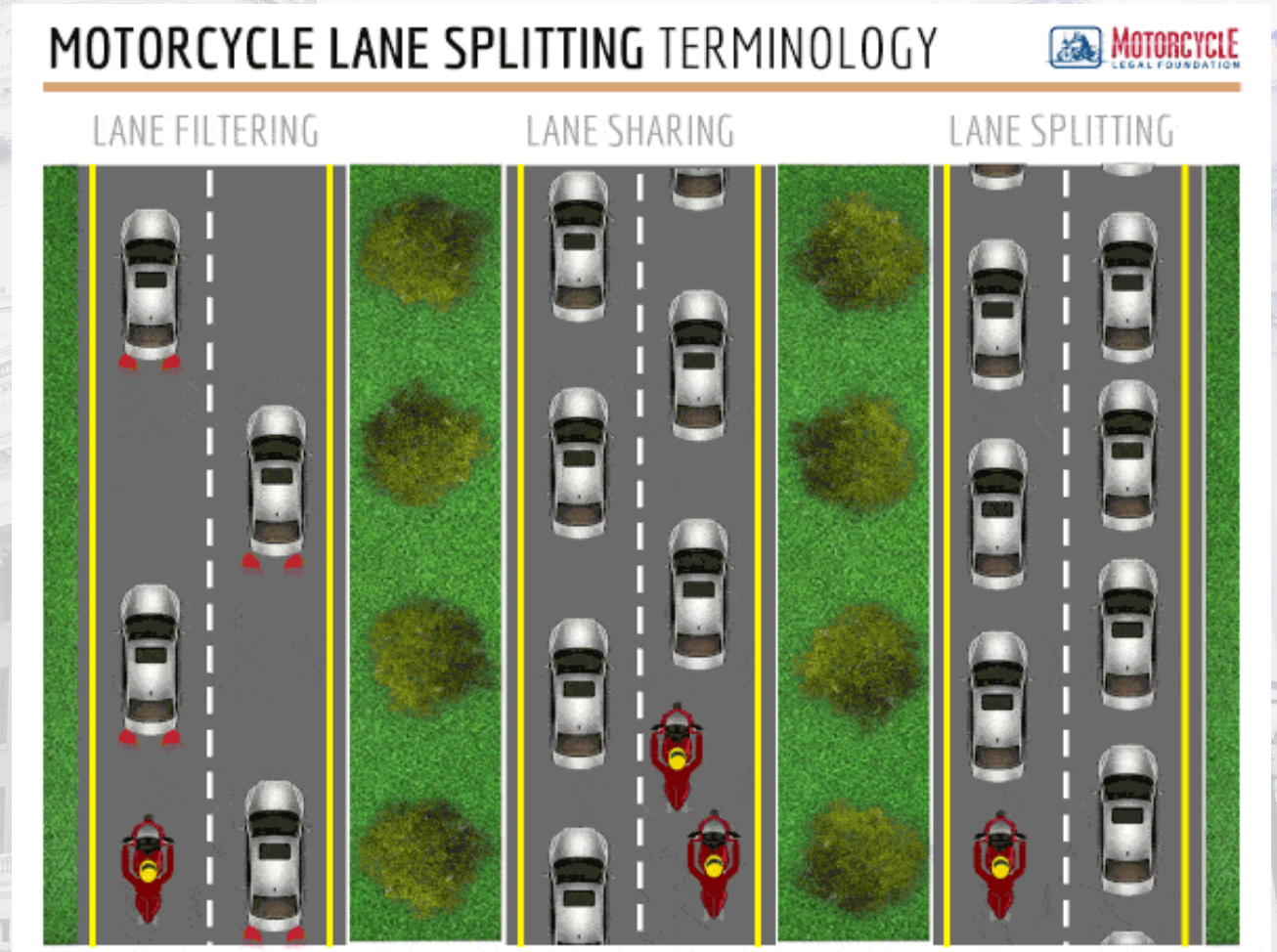
Lane filtering in Utah is legal **only when the road has two or more lanes in the same direction.**

**LANE FILTERING IS ONLY LEGAL WHILE TRAFFIC IS STOPPED, ONCE TRAFFIC BEGINS MOVING THE MOTORCYCLIST MUST MERGE BACK INTO A LANE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**

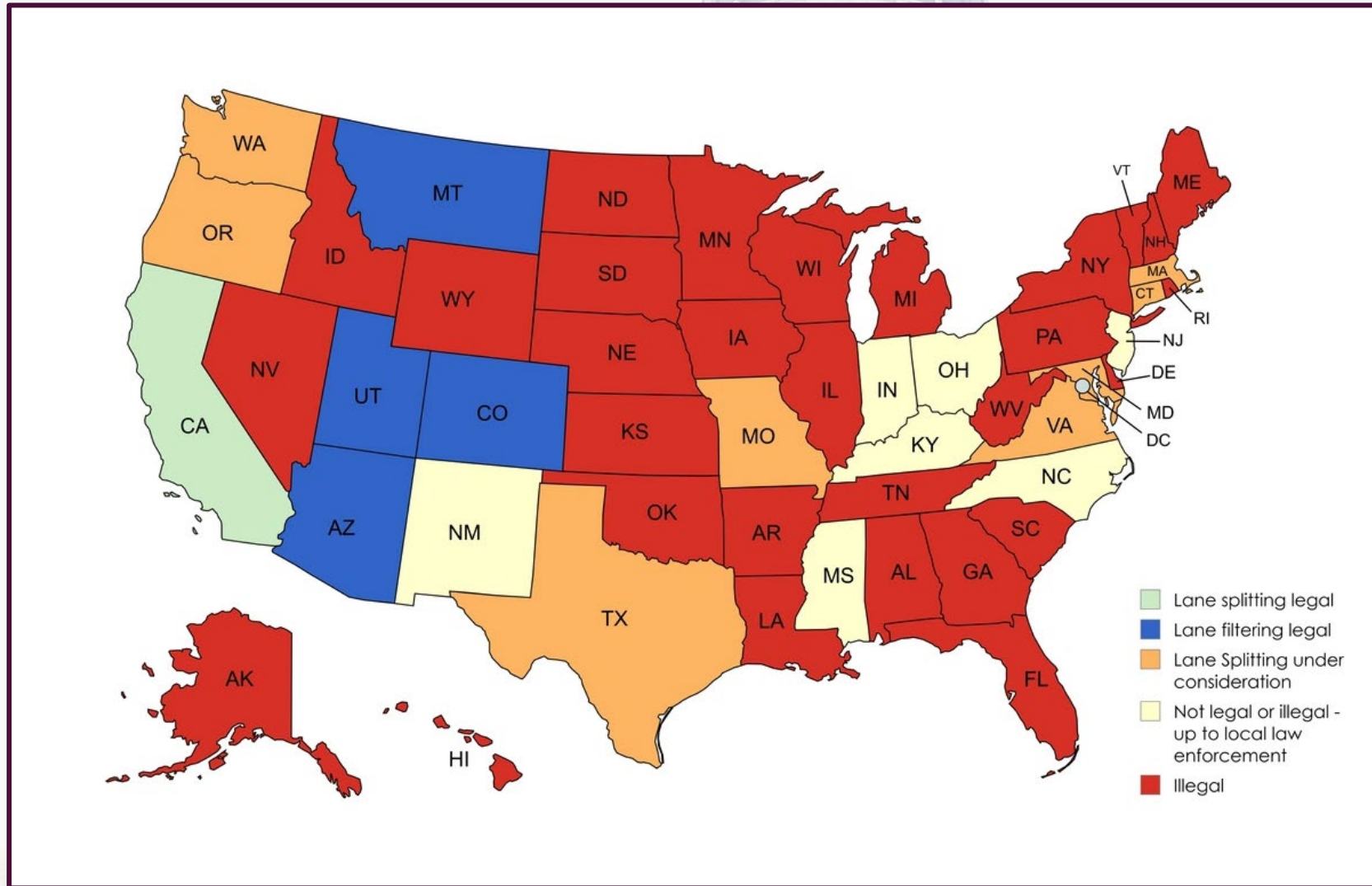


# Lane filtering is not lane splitting

- Lane **filtering** is legal in Utah
- Lane **splitting** is illegal in Utah
- California is the only state where **lane splitting** is legal
- Lane filtering is legal in five states



# Lane filtering by state



Source:  
Twistedroad.com

As of October 2025



# Legislative History

2019

- [H.B. 149 \(Brooks/Hinkins\)](#) makes lane filtering legal
- Takes effect May 2019 and has an initial sunset date of July 1, 2022

2022

- Committee sunset review results in five-year extension (unanimous committee bill)
- [H.B. 10 \(Brooks/Ipson\)](#) extends the sunset date to July 1, 2027

2024

- [H.B. 311 \(Gricius/Ipson\)](#) modifies allowable uses of lane filtering to include a multi-lane freeway off-ramp and exclude a freeway on-ramp.

2025

- [H.B. 190 Thurston/Wilson](#) addresses several motorcycle safety provisions, including defining and prohibiting “lane splitting,” which is separate from lane filtering.



# Committee Options & Potential Action

No action

- Allow lane filtering to repeal July 1, 2027

Open a bill file

- Reauthorize lane filtering for up to 10 years
- Make lane filtering permanent (remove sunset date)
- Make substantive changes to lane filtering
- Repeal at a date sooner than July 1, 2027



# Stakeholders

- Department of Public Safety
- Motorcycle groups and safety advocates

