

121 (9) A violation of this section is an infraction.

122 Section 3. Section **41-6a-702** is amended to read:

123 **41-6a-702. Left lane restrictions -- Exceptions -- Other lane restrictions --**

124 **Penalties.**

125 (1) As used in this section and Section 41-6a-704, "general purpose lane" means a
126 highway lane open to vehicular traffic but does not include a designated:

127 (a) high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lane; or

128 (b) auxiliary lane that begins as a freeway on-ramp and ends as part of the next freeway
129 off-ramp.

130 (2) On a freeway or section of a freeway which has three or more general purpose lanes
131 in the same direction, a person may not operate a vehicle in the left most general purpose lane
132 if the person's vehicle or combination of vehicles has a gross vehicle weight rating of

132a ~~12,001~~ **18,001** ~~←~~ or
133 more pounds.

134 (3) Subsection (2) does not apply to a person operating a vehicle who is:

135 (a) preparing to turn left or taking a different highway split or an exit on the left;

136 (b) responding to emergency conditions;

137 (c) avoiding actual or potential traffic moving onto the highway from an acceleration or
138 merging lane; or

139 (d) following direction signs that direct use of a designated lane.

140 (4) (a) A highway authority may designate a specific lane or lanes of travel for any type
141 of vehicle on a highway or portion of a highway under its jurisdiction for the:

142 (i) safety of the public;

143 (ii) efficient maintenance of a highway; or

144 (iii) use of high occupancy vehicles.

145 (b) The lane designation under Subsection (4)(a) is effective when appropriate signs or
146 roadway markings giving notice are erected on the highway or portion of the highway.

147 (5) (a) Subject to Subsection (5)(b), the lane designation under Subsection (4)(a)(iii)
148 shall allow a vehicle with a clean fuel vehicle decal issued in accordance with Section 72-6-121
149 to travel in lanes designated for the use of high occupancy vehicles regardless of the number of
150 occupants as permitted by federal law or federal regulation.

151 (b) (i) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act,