

1 **VEHICLE MERGER AMENDMENTS**

2 2022 GENERAL SESSION

3 STATE OF UTAH

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9 **LONG TITLE**

10 **General Description:**

11 This bill modifies traffic code provisions relating to vehicle merging.

12 **Highlighted Provisions:**

13 This bill:

14 ▶ requires an operator of a vehicle to use the zipper method when two traffic lanes
15 merge into one traffic lane.

16 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

17 None

18 **Other Special Clauses:**

19 None

20 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

21 ENACTS:

22 **41-6a-903.1**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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24 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

25 Section 1. Section **41-6a-903.1** is enacted to read:

26 **41-6a-903.1. Right-of-way -- Zipper merge.**

27 (1) As used in this section:

28 (a) "Merge point" means the point at which two traffic lanes merge into one traffic
29 lane.

30 (b) "Zipper method" means a method of merging vehicles at a merge point that
31 involves the operators of the merging vehicles:

32 (i) using both lanes of traffic until the vehicles reach the merge point; and

33 (ii) once the vehicles reach the merge point, alternating yielding the right-of-way into
34 the single traffic lane.

35 (2) An operator of a vehicle shall use the zipper method when merging at a congested
36 merge point.

37 (3) A violation of this section is an infraction.