

VEHICLE MERGER AMENDMENTS

2022 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Brady Brammer

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill modifies traffic code provisions relating to vehicle merging.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

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

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

41-6a-903.1, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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

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

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

(1) As used in this section:

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



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

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

31 (ii) once the vehicles reach the merge point, alternating yielding the right-of-way into
32 the single traffic lane, beginning with the right-most vehicle.

33 (2) An operator of a vehicle shall use the zipper method when merging at a merge
34 point.

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