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JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

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RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- PASSING, USE OF LANES AND RULES OF THE ROAD

Introduced By: Representatives Bennett, Edwards, Potter, Chippendale, Quattrocchi, Nardone, Hopkins, Paplauskas, Slater, and O'Brien

Date Introduced: January 28, 2026

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1   SECTION 1. Chapter 31-15 of the General Laws entitled "Passing, Use of Lanes, and Rules

2   of the Road" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3   **31-15-1.1. Lane filtering for motorcycles -- definition.**

4   (a) The operator of a two (2)-wheeled motorcycle may engage in lane filtering when:

5   (1) The operator of a two (2) wheeled motorcycle is on a road with lanes wide enough to

6   pass safely;

7   (2) The overtaking motorcycle is not operated at a speed in excess of twenty miles per hour

8   (20 mph) when overtaking the stopped or slow-moving vehicle; and

9   (3) Conditions permit continued reasonable and prudent operation of the motorcycle while

10   lane filtering.

11   (b) As used in this section, "lane filtering" means the act of overtaking and passing another

12   vehicle that is stopped or traveling at a speed not in excess of ten miles per hour (10 mph) in the

13   same direction of travel and in the same lane.

14   SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

EXPLANATION

BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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1   This act would allow lane filtering, the act of passing stopped or slow-moving vehicles

2   proceeding in the same direction, for motorcycles at low speeds.

3   This act would take effect upon passage.