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Colorado's new lane filtering law is now in effect - it allows motorcycles to pass on the left side of stopped vehicles on the road. This helps motorcyclists avoid being struck between two vehicles at stop lights or in gridlocked traffic.

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Post Two:

Motorcyclists were involved in over 2,300 crashes in #Colorado last year. Rear-end collisions are particularly dangerous for motorcycle riders and can be fatal. Colorado's new lane filtering law could save lives by reducing opportunities for motorcyclists to be rear-ended in traffic.

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Post Three:

Lane filtering is now legal in #Colorado and allows motorcycles to slowly pass stopped vehicles, preventing rear-end crashes. As motorcyclists exercise lane filtering, they must follow five rules:

1. The vehicles a rider wants to pass must be at a complete stop.
2. The lane must be wide enough to fit the vehicle and motorcycle while passing.
3. The motorcycle must go 15 mph or less.
4. The rider must pass safely and control the motorcycle.
5. The rider must pass on the left and not enter the oncoming traffic lane.

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Post Four:

Lane filtering allows motorcyclists to safely navigate through stopped vehicles at intersections or in stationary traffic. Motorcycles must travel at 15 mph or less and only pass when the lane is wide enough.

Passing vehicles that are moving, known as lane splitting, remains illegal in #Colorado. For more information, visit codot.gov/lanefiltering

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Newsletter Article

What you need to know: Colorado's new motorcycle lane filtering law

Colorado recently passed a new law allowing motorcycles to pass between vehicles stopped on the roadway. The law takes effect Aug. 7, 2024.

Lane filtering is not the same as lane splitting. Lane filtering allows motorcyclists to safely navigate through stopped traffic traveling in the same direction as the rider. Lane splitting, which remains illegal, involves riding between lanes of moving vehicles.

Five rules must be followed to filter:

1. If a rider wants to pass, traffic must be at a complete stop.
2. The lane must be wide enough to fit the vehicle and motorcycle while passing.
3. The motorcycle must go 15 mph or less.
4. The rider must pass safely and control the motorcycle.
5. The rider must pass on the left and not enter the oncoming traffic lane.

The new law could save lives

Colorado's new lane filtering law could save motorcyclists' lives. Lane filtering reduces the chance for motorcyclists to be rear-ended by a car or truck. Collisions from behind can cause serious injury or kill motorcycle riders.

Motorcyclists: filter and ride safely

Riders should always prioritize safety and be mindful of their surroundings. It is often impossible to predict the actions of other vehicles. Motorcyclists should always ride sober, wear protective gear, and stay focused on the road. Colorado law requires a valid motorcycle license or a motorcycle endorsement on your existing driver's license to legally operate a motorcycle on public roads.



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Share the road: What other vehicle drivers need to know

Traffic safety is a shared responsibility. Drivers should understand that motorcycle riders are more exposed and vulnerable to unexpected road hazards. Lane filtering is one way for motorcyclists to protect themselves.

Treat riders with courtesy as they practice lane filtering.

For more information and a full list of frequently asked questions, visit codot.gov/lanefiltering.