An Act relating to limited access highway facilities, defining certain violations thereof and providing penalties for such violations; amending section 11, chapter 202, Laws of 1947 and RCW 47.52.120 and declaring emergency.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

SECTION 1. Section 11, chapter 202, Laws of 1947 and RCW 47.52.120 are each amended to read as follows:

After the opening of any limited access highway facility, it shall be unlawful for any person (1) to drive a vehicle over, upon, or across any curb, central dividing section or other separation or dividing line on limited access facilities; (2) to make a left turn or a semicircular or U-turn except through an opening provided for that purpose in the dividing curb section, separation or line; (3) to drive any vehicle except in the proper lane provided for that purpose and in the proper direction and to the right of the central dividing curb, separation section, or line; (4) to drive any vehicle into the limited access facility from a local service road except through an opening provided for that purpose in the dividing curb, or dividing section or dividing line which separates such service road from the limited access facility proper; (5) to stop or park any vehicle or equipment within the right of way of such facility, including the shoulders thereof, except at points specially provided therefor, and to make only such use of such specially provided stopping or parking points as is permitted by the designation thereof: Provided, That this subsection shall not apply to authorized emergency vehicles, law enforcement vehicles, or to vehicles stopped for emergency causes
or equipment failures; (6) to travel to or from such facility at any point other than a point designated by the establishing authority as an approach to said facility or to use an approach to such facility for any use in excess of that specified by the establishing authority. Any person who violates any of the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon arrest and conviction therefor shall be punished by a fine of not less than five dollars nor more than one hundred dollars, or by imprisonment in the city or county jail for not less than five days nor more than ninety days, or by both fine and imprisonment. Nothing contained herein shall prevent the highway authority from proceeding to enforce the prohibitions or limitations of access to such facilities by injunction or as otherwise provided by law.

Sec. 2. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of public peace, health, safety and support of the state government and its existing institutions and shall take effect immediately.

Passed the House March 9, 1959.
Passed the Senate March 8, 1959.
Approved by the Governor March 17, 1959.