

be deemed appropriate by the governor or the designees specified in section 3 of this act.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. The state medal of merit shall not be awarded to any elected official while in office or to any candidate for an elected office.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. The decoration of the state medal of merit shall be of bronze and shall consist of the seal of the state of Washington, surrounded by a raised laurel wreath and suspended from a ring attached by a dark green ribbon. The reverse of the decoration within the raised laurel wreath shall be inscribed with the words: "For exceptionally meritorious conduct in performing outstanding services to the people and state of Washington."

NEW SECTION. Sec. 7. Sections 1 through 6 of this act shall constitute a new chapter in Title 1 RCW.

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## CHAPTER 93

[House Bill No. 507]

### PASSING LANE—MULTILANE HIGHWAYS

AN ACT Relating to traffic flow on multilane highways; amending RCW 46.61.100; adding a new section to chapter 46.20 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 46.81 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 46.82 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 47.36 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. It is the intent of the legislature, in this 1985 amendment of RCW 46.61.100, that the left-hand lane on any state highway with two or more lanes in the same direction be used primarily as a passing lane.

Sec. 2. Section 15, chapter 155, Laws of 1965 ex. sess. as last amended by section 1, chapter 33, Laws of 1972 ex. sess. and RCW 46.61.100 are each amended to read as follows:

(1) Upon all roadways of sufficient width a vehicle shall be driven upon the right half of the roadway, except as follows:

(a) When overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding in the same direction under the rules governing such movement;

(b) When an obstruction exists making it necessary to drive to the left of the center of the highway; provided, any person so doing shall yield the

right of way to all vehicles traveling in the proper direction upon the unobstructed portion of the highway within such distance as to constitute an immediate hazard;

(c) Upon a roadway divided into three marked lanes and providing for two-way movement traffic under the rules applicable thereon; or

(d) Upon a ~~((roadway))~~ street or highway restricted to one-way traffic.

(2) Upon all roadways ~~((any vehicle proceeding slower than the legal maximum speed or at a speed slower than necessary for safe operation at the time and place and under the conditions then existing,))~~ having two or more lanes for traffic moving in the same direction, all vehicles shall be driven in the right-hand lane then available for traffic, ((or as close as practicable to the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway,)) except (a) when overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding in the same direction, (b) when traveling at a speed greater than the traffic flow, (c) when moving left to allow traffic to merge, or (d) when preparing for a left turn at an intersection, exit, or into a private road or driveway when such left turn is legally permitted. On any such roadway, a motor truck shall be driven only in the right-hand lane except under the conditions enumerated in (a) through (d) of this subsection.

(3) It is a traffic infraction to drive continuously in the left lane of a multilane roadway when it impedes the flow of other traffic.

(4) Upon any roadway having four or more lanes for moving traffic and providing for two-way movement of traffic, ~~((no))~~ a vehicle shall not be driven to the left of the center line of the roadway(;) except when authorized by official traffic control devices designating certain lanes to the left side of the center of the roadway for use by traffic not otherwise permitted to use such lanes, or except as permitted under subsection (1)(b) ((hereof)) of this section. However, this subsection shall not be construed as prohibiting the crossing of the center line in making a left turn into or from an alley, private road or driveway.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. A new section is added to chapter 46.20 RCW to read as follows:

The department shall include information on the proper use of the left-hand lane on multilane highways in its instructional publications for drivers.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. A new section is added to chapter 46.81 RCW to read as follows:

The superintendent of public instruction shall include information on the proper use of the left-hand lane on multilane highways in instructional material used in traffic safety education courses.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. A new section is added to chapter 46.82 RCW to read as follows:

Instructional material used in driver training schools shall include information on the proper use of the left-hand lane on multilane highways.

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 6. A new section is added to chapter 47.36 RCW to read as follows:

The department shall erect signs on multilane highways indicating proper lane usage.

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## CHAPTER 94

[Substitute House Bill No. 594]

### CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS—COMMODITY PRODUCTION—DEVELOP PLAN— PURCHASING REQUIREMENTS—PRISON WORK PROGRAM EFFECTIVENESS

AN ACT Relating to correctional institutions; adding a new section to chapter 43.19 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 72.09 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 1. A new section is added to chapter 72.09 RCW to read as follows:

The department of corrections and department of general administration shall develop the following for legislative review: (1) A plan for production within the department of corrections of one or more commodities not currently being produced within the department for use within all state institutions and which may be sold to state correctional systems in other states; (2) a plan for purchasing commodities produced by correctional systems located in other states to the degree the plan would be cost-effective and would involve reciprocal marketing agreements between the several states represented; and (3) a plan to purchase, where cost-effective, materials used in the production of prison-made goods jointly with prison industry programs in other states. The plans shall be submitted to the legislature by March, 1987.

**NEW SECTION.** Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 43.19 RCW to read as follows:

State agencies and departments shall purchase for their use all articles or products required by the agencies or departments which are produced or provided in whole or in part from class II inmate work programs operated by the department of corrections. These articles and products shall not be purchased from any other source unless, upon application by the department or agency: (1) The department of general administration finds that the articles or products do not meet the reasonable requirements of the agency or department, (2) are not of equal or better quality, or (3) the price of the product or service is higher than that produced by the private sector.