

		Does your state passing law have a provision regarding the distance in which a passing maneuver must be completed and the passing vehicle return to the right lane?
State	Answer	Comments/exerpts from laws received
Alaska	No	
Arkansas	No	<p><b>27-51-301. Vehicles to be driven on right side of roadway — Exceptions.</b></p> <p>(a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, upon all roadways of sufficient width, a vehicle shall not be driven upon the left half of the roadway, except as follows:</p> <p>(1) When overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding in the same direction under the rules governing that movement;</p> <p>(2) When the right half of a roadway is closed to traffic while under construction or repair;</p> <p>(3) Upon a roadway divided into three (3) marked lanes for traffic under the rules applicable thereon;</p> <p>(4) Upon a roadway designated and signposted for one-way traffic;</p> <p>(5) When the right half of the roadway is in disrepair or is in an otherwise undrivable or unsafe condition; or</p> <p>(6) When a vehicle is preparing to exit the roadway on the left.</p> <p>(b) Motor vehicles shall not be operated continuously in the left lane of a multilane roadway whenever it impedes the flow of other traffic.</p> <p>(c)(1) The Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department may designate certain multilane highways or portions of multilane highways as prohibiting continuous driving in the left lane except in those instances described in subsection (a) of this section.</p> <p>(2) For those multilane highways or portions of multilane highways described in subdivision (c)(1) of this section and designated by the department, the department shall erect periodic signs along the multilane highway or portion of the multilane highway that notify the public of the prohibition.</p>
Arizona	No	
Connecticut	No	
Delaware	No	
Florida	No	
Idaho	No	
Indiana	No	
Iowa	No	
Kentucky	No	
Louisiana	No	
Maine	No	
Massachusetts	No	
Michigan	No	

Minnesota	No	
Missouri	No	<p>Ours is a little different, it is based on weight and only relates to routes with three or more lanes in one direction. But I think the intent is the same, to keep the slow trucks from hindering the movement of traffic in the fast lane. I have attached an image of the sign we display in the affected areas and the portion of the state law relating to this restriction. This has not been an issue in Missouri, the adoption went pretty quietly. There are occasions where a truck will enter the left most lane if vehicular traffic is "driving" in the middle lane and blocking the truck's ability to use that lane to pass. I have seen this in other states as well who also have this type of law.</p> 
Missouri		<p>7. All trucks registered for a gross weight of more than forty-eight thousand pounds shall not be driven in the far left-hand lane upon all interstate highways, freeways, or expressways within urbanized areas of the state having three or more lanes of traffic proceeding in the same direction. This restriction shall not apply when:</p> <p>(1) It is necessary for the operator of the truck to follow traffic control devices that direct use of a lane other than the right lane; or</p> <p>(2) The right half of a roadway is closed to traffic while under construction or repair.</p> <p>8. As used in subsection 7 of this section, "truck" means any vehicle, machine, tractor, trailer, or semitrailer, or any combination thereof, propelled or drawn by mechanical power and designed for or used in the transportation of property upon the highways. The term "truck" also includes a commercial motor vehicle as defined in section <a href="#">301.010</a>.</p>
Nebraska	No	

New Hampshire	No	Similar bill proposed most recent session. State police in favor. DOT was neutral. Bill failed.
New Jersey	No	NJ does not have such a law for 4-lane roadways. The general passing references are 39:4-88a "A vehicle shall normally be driven in the lane nearest to the right-hand edge or curb of the roadway when that lane is available for travel, except when overtaking another vehicle or in preparation for a left turn" and 4-88b "A vehicle shall be driven as nearly as practicable entirely within a single lane and shall not be moved from that lane until the driver has first ascertained that the movement can be made with safety."  For trucks 10,000 pounds gross vehicle weight or over, NJ does have a reference to one mile, but not in the passing context. One roadways with 3+ lanes in one direction, trucks are not allowed in the leftmost lane, but 4-88e(1) states that "a truck may be driven in the farthest left lane for up to one mile to prepare for a left hand turn" and 4-88e(2) allows "a truck may be driven in the farthest left lane for up to one mile to prepare to enter or leave the roadway". NJ does not provide signs for those contingencies; we just sign "No Trucks in Left Lane".
New York	No	
North Carolina	No	
Ohio	No	
Oregon	No	
Pennsylvania	No	
South Dakota	No	
Tennessee	No	

Utah	No	<p><b>41-6a-704. Overtaking and passing vehicles proceeding in same direction.</b></p> <p>(1) (a) On any highway:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(i) the operator of a vehicle overtaking another vehicle proceeding in the same direction shall:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(A) except as provided under Section <a href="#">41-6a-705</a>, promptly pass the overtaken vehicle on the left at a safe distance; and</li><li>(B) enter a right-hand lane or the right side of the roadway only when safely clear of the overtaken vehicle;</li></ul></li><li>(ii) the operator of an overtaken vehicle:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(A) shall give way to the right in favor of the overtaking vehicle; and</li><li>(B) may not increase the speed of the vehicle until completely passed by the overtaking vehicle.</li></ul></li></ul> <p>(b) The exemption from the minimum speed regulations for a vehicle operating on a grade under Section <a href="#">41-6a-605</a> does not exempt the vehicle from promptly passing a vehicle as required under Subsection <a href="#">(1)(a)(i)(A)</a>.</p> <p>(2) On a highway having more than one lane in the same direction, the operator of a vehicle traveling in the left general purpose lane:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) shall, upon being overtaken by another vehicle in the same lane, yield to the overtaking vehicle by moving safely to a lane to the right; and</li><li>(b) may not impede the movement or free flow of traffic in the left general purpose lane.</li></ul> <p>(3) An operator of a vehicle traveling in the left general purpose lane that has a vehicle following directly behind the operator's vehicle at a distance so that less than two seconds elapse before reaching the location of the operator's vehicle when space is available for the operator to yield to the overtaking vehicle by traveling in the right-hand lane is prima facie evidence that the operator is violating Subsection <a href="#">(2)</a>.</p> <p>(4) The provisions of Subsection <a href="#">(2)</a> do not apply to an operator of a vehicle traveling in the left general purpose lane when:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding in the same direction in accordance with Subsection <a href="#">(1)(a)(i)</a>;</li><li>(b) preparing to turn left or taking a different highway or an exit on the left;</li><li>(c) responding to emergency conditions;</li><li>(d) avoiding actual or potential traffic moving onto the highway from an acceleration or merging lane; or</li><li>(e) following the direction of a traffic-control device that directs the use of a designated lane.</li></ul> <p>(5) A violation of Subsection <a href="#">(1)</a> or <a href="#">(2)</a> is an infraction.</p>
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Virginia	No	<p><a href="#">§ 46.2-804 (VA Code Section)</a> has two related provisions. The first provision requires all vehicles to drive in the right-most lane except when overtaking and passing another vehicle etc.</p> <p>The second provision requires “trucks and combination vehicles” to stay in the right lane on Interstate Highways where there are no more than two travel lanes in the travel direction where terrain is likely to slow the speed of such vehicles below the posted speed limit. Regulatory signs are posted that require trucks and combination vehicles to stay in the right lane when operating below the posted speed limit at all affected locations throughout the state.</p> <p><a href="#">§ 46.2-803.1 (VA Code Section)</a> has two related provisions. The first prohibits any commercial motor vehicle from the left-most lane on interstate highways having more than three-lanes where the posted speed limit is 65 mph or more. The second provision is related to § 46.2-804 and requires commercial vehicles to keep to the right-most lane when operating at a speed of 15 miles per hour or more below the posted speed limit on Interstate Highways where there are no more than two travel lanes in a travel direction.</p>
West Virginia	No	
Wisconsin	No	
Wyoming	No	<p>Wyoming does not have a law like the one proposed in Alabama, but we do have a law discouraging the "left lane bandit" syndrome. It reads:</p> <p>(c) Notwithstanding any minimum speed that may be authorized and posted pursuant to this section, no person shall operate a vehicle in the extreme left-hand lane of a controlled-access highway for a prolonged period in a manner which impedes the flow of other traffic traveling at a lawful rate of speed.</p>









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