
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6084

State of Washington **66th Legislature** **2020 Regular Session**

By Senate Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Takko, Hobbs, Mullet, and Padden)

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1 AN ACT Relating to circular intersections; amending RCW
2 46.61.140; and adding a new section to chapter 46.04 RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 46.04
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 (1) "Circular intersection" means an intersection characterized
7 by a circulatory roadway, generally circular in design, located in
8 the center of the intersection. A circular intersection encompasses
9 the area bounded by the outermost curb line or, if there is no curb,
10 the edge of the pavement, and includes crosswalks on any entering or
11 exiting roadway.

12 (2) "Circular intersection" includes:

- 13 (a) Roundabouts;
14 (b) Rotaries; and
15 (c) Traffic circles.

16 **Sec. 2.** RCW 46.61.140 and 1965 ex.s. c 155 s 23 are each amended
17 to read as follows:

18 Whenever any roadway has been divided into two or more clearly
19 marked lanes for traffic the following rules in addition to all
20 others consistent herewith shall apply:

1 (1) A vehicle shall be driven as nearly as practicable entirely
2 within a single lane and shall not be moved from such lane until the
3 driver has first ascertained that such movement can be made with
4 safety.

5 (2) Upon a roadway which is divided into three lanes and provides
6 for two-way movement of traffic, a vehicle shall not be driven in the
7 center lane except when overtaking and passing another vehicle
8 traveling in the same direction when such center lane is clear of
9 traffic within a safe distance, or in preparation for making a left
10 turn or where such center lane is at the time allocated exclusively
11 to traffic moving in the same direction that the vehicle is
12 proceeding and such allocation is designated by official traffic-
13 control devices.

14 (3) Official traffic-control devices may be erected directing
15 slow moving or other specified traffic to use a designated lane or
16 designating those lanes to be used by traffic moving in a particular
17 direction regardless of the center of the roadway and drivers of
18 vehicles shall obey the directions of every such device.

19 (4) Official traffic-control devices may be installed prohibiting
20 the changing of lanes on sections of roadway and drivers of vehicles
21 shall obey the directions of every such device.

22 (5) Pursuant to subsection (1) of this section, the operator of a
23 commercial motor vehicle as defined in RCW 46.25.010 may, with due
24 regard for all other traffic, deviate from the lane in which the
25 operator is driving to the extent necessary to approach and drive
26 through a circular intersection.

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