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An Act To Allow Travel in a Center Lane of a Restricted Highway

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on January 25, 2021. Referred to the Committee on Transportation pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Representative RECKITT of South Portland.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §2052, sub-§6**, as amended by PL 2011, c. 415, §1, is further
3 amended to read:

4 **6. Ways with speed limit of 65 or more miles per hour.** An operator driving on a
5 limited-access way with a speed limit of 65 or more miles per hour is restricted in ordinary
6 operation to the right-hand lane and all center lanes and may use ~~adjacent lanes~~ the leftmost
7 lane for overtaking and passing another vehicle, but must return to the right-hand lane or a
8 center lane at the earliest opportunity. This requirement does not apply to an authorized
9 emergency vehicle, or to a vehicle otherwise directed by posted signs, a law enforcement
10 officer or a highway maintenance crew.

11 **SUMMARY**

12 This bill clarifies that, on a limited-access way with a speed limit of 65 or more miles
13 per hour, a motor vehicle operator is restricted in ordinary operation to the right-hand lane
14 and all center lanes and may use the leftmost lane for overtaking and passing another
15 vehicle.