

## HB 868 -- Highway Lane Usage

Sponsor: Meadows

This bill specifies that a driver who violates certain highway lane usage laws under Section 304.015, RSMo, will be guilty of a class C misdemeanor unless the violation causes an immediate threat of an accident in which case he or she will be guilty of a class B misdemeanor. If an accident results from the violation, the driver will be guilty of a class A misdemeanor.

The driver of a truck registered for a gross weight of over 48,000 pounds is prohibited from driving in the far left-hand lane on all interstate highways in urbanized areas having three or more lanes of traffic in the same direction unless it is reasonably necessary to operate in the left-hand lane in response to an emergency condition or the right or center lane is closed due to construction, maintenance, or repair. Any highway signs identifying the lane not to be used by trucks must be covered or hidden during the times of construction or repair within the designated work area and in the two miles preceding the work area. A driver violating this provision will be guilty of a class C misdemeanor unless the violation causes an immediate threat of an accident in which case he or she will be guilty of a class B misdemeanor. If an accident results from the violation, the driver will be guilty of a class A misdemeanor.