

Arizona's new lane filtering law (SB1273) allows a motorcycle to travel between lanes of traffic in very specific instances:

Here are some things you, as a motorcyclist, need to know:

• NO FREEWAYS

This is not the California "lane splitting" law! The Arizona law only allows lane filtering on surface streets with a speed limit of 45 MPH or slower.

• NOT EVERY STREET

Only on streets that have 2 or more lanes in the same direction.

• NOT MOVING

You may not pass a vehicle in motion. You may only overtake a vehicle between lanes that is stopped.

• NO SPEEDING

The maximum speed for a motorcycle traveling between lanes is 15 MPH.

And (you'll want to do this anyway) you must recognize that you can move between lanes safely before beginning lane filtering.

Here's a couple more things you should know:

This law is for 2-wheeled motorcycles. Sorry Trike, Spyder, Slingshot and Ural sidecar riders.

Make sure you tell all your non-motorcyclist friends and neighbors about the law and what to expect. It will help keep them and every motorcyclist safe.

THIS LAW DOES NOT GO INTO EFFECT UNTIL 90 DAYS AFTER THE CURRENT LEGISLATIVE SESSION ENDS.