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H.383

Introduced by Representative Lanpher of Vergennes

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Motor vehicles; passing

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to prohibit
drivers from crossing double yellow lines on Vermont highways.

An act relating to crossing double yellow lines on Vermont highways

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. 23 V.S.A. § 1035 is amended to read:

§ 1035. LIMITATIONS

(a) ~~No vehicle shall be driven~~ A motor vehicle shall not be operated to the
left side of the center of the roadway in overtaking and passing another vehicle
proceeding in the same direction unless authorized by the provisions of this
chapter and unless the left side is clearly visible and free of oncoming traffic
for a sufficient distance ahead to permit overtaking and passing to be
completed without interfering with the operation of any vehicle approaching
from the opposite direction or of any vehicle overtaken. In every event, the
overtaking vehicle shall return to an authorized lane of travel as soon as
practicable and, if the passing movement involves the use of a lane authorized

1 for vehicles approaching from the opposite direction, before coming within
2 200 feet of any approaching vehicle.

3 (b) A vehicle shall not pass another from the rear under any of the
4 following conditions:

5 (1) when approaching or upon the crest of a grade or upon a curve in the
6 highway where the driver's view is in any way obstructed;

7 (2) when approaching within 100 feet of, or traversing, any intersection
8 or railroad grade crossing unless otherwise indicated by official traffic control
9 devices; ~~or~~

10 (3) when the view is obstructed upon approaching within 100 feet of any
11 bridge, viaduct, or tunnel; or

12 (4) when the passing motion would require the vehicle to cross double
13 yellow lines lawfully marked on the highway.

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15 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

16 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.