

# NEW LAWS AND INFORMATION

## Hands-Free: Now the Law in Minnesota

Governor Tim Walz signed a new hands-free cell phone bill into law to help reduce distractions behind the wheel.

Starting August 1, 2019, drivers will not longer be able to hold their cell phones in their hands. They will be able to use their phones to make calls, text, listen to music or podcasts and get directions, but only by voice commands or single touch activation without holding the phone.

Remember, hands-free is not necessarily distraction-free. We want Minnesotans to stay safe, stay alive and stay out of trouble under the new law.

Visit the HandsFreeMN website for more information.



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## Right of Way and Yielding to School Bus (see page 38)

A driver of a vehicle traveling in the right-hand lane of traffic shall yield the right-of-way to a school bus attempting to enter that lane from a shoulder, right-turn lane, or other location where the school bus has stopped to load or unload passengers.

## Large Vehicles Must Yield in Roundabouts (see page 27)

In multiple lane roundabouts, if two vehicles with a total length in excess of 40 feet, a total width of 10 feet, or any combination of vehicles, approach and drive through at approximately the same time, the vehicle on the right must yield the right of way to the vehicle on the left and, if necessary, reduce speed or stop.

## Traffic Laws and Vehicle Operation (see page 21)

On all roadways that are wide enough, a vehicle shall be driven on the right half of the roadway except:

- \* When overtaking or passing another vehicle traveling in the same direction under the passing rules.
- \* When the right half of the roadway is closed to traffic while under construction or repair.
- \* When the roadway is divided into three marked lanes.
- \* When the roadway is designated with signs as a one-way roadway.
- \* When necessary to comply with moving over when approaching an authorized vehicle parked or stopped on the roadway (move over Law)

## Right-Hand Lane Travel (see page 28)

When operating a motor vehicle on a roadway with one lane in the direction of travel, a driver that is proceeding at a speed that is sufficiently low as to create a traffic hazard must drive as close as practicable to the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway.

When operating a motor vehicle on highways that are divided into more than one lane in the same direction, you should drive in the right-hand lane when available. If traveling in the left-most lane, a driver must move out of the lane to allow another vehicle to pass, when practical under existing conditions. This does not apply:

- \* When preparing to exit an expressway, freeway or interstate highway on the left side of the road.
- \* When the vehicle is an authorized emergency vehicle.