

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 405

Introduced by Assembly Member Gatto

February 15, 2013

An act to add and repeal Section 21655.95 of the Vehicle Code, relating to highways.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 405, as introduced, Gatto. Highways: high-occupancy vehicle lanes: State Highway Route 134.

Existing law authorizes the Department of Transportation and local authorities, with respect to highways under their respective jurisdictions, to designate certain lanes for the exclusive or preferential use of high-occupancy vehicles. When those exclusive or preferential use lanes are established and double parallel solid lines are in place to the right thereof, existing law prohibits any person driving a vehicle from crossing over those double lines to enter into or exit from the lanes, and entrance or exit from those lanes is authorized only in areas designated for these purposes or where a single broken line is in place to the right of the lanes, except as specified.

This bill would prohibit, until June 1, 2014, any high-occupancy vehicle lane from being established on State Highway Route 134 between State Route 170 and Interstate 5 unless that lane is established as a high-occupancy vehicle lane only during the hours of heavy commuter traffic, as determined by the department. This bill would require any existing high-occupancy vehicle lane established at the specified location to be modified to conform with those requirements. This bill would require the Legislative Analyst to report to the

Legislature on the impact on traffic by limiting the use of high-occupancy lanes as provided in the bill.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.

State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 21655.95 is added to the Vehicle Code,
- 2 to read:
- 3 21655.95. (a) Notwithstanding any other law, no
- 4 high-occupancy vehicle lane may be established on State Highway
- 5 Route 134 between State Highway Route 170 and Interstate 5
- 6 unless the lane is established as a high-occupancy vehicle lane
- 7 only during the hours of heavy commuter traffic, as determined
- 8 by the Department of Transportation.
- 9 (b) Any existing high-occupancy vehicle lane located as
- 10 described in subdivision (a) shall be modified as necessary to
- 11 conform with subdivision (a).
- 12 (c) The Legislative Analyst shall report to the Legislature on or
- 13 before March 31, 2014, on the impact on traffic by limiting the
- 14 use of high-occupancy vehicle lanes during the hours of heavy
- 15 commuter traffic as provided in subdivision (a).
- 16 (d) This section shall become inoperative on June 1, 2014, and,
- 17 as of January 1, 2015, is repealed, unless a later enacted statute,
- 18 that becomes operative on or before January 1, 2015, deletes or
- 19 extends the dates on which it becomes inoperative and is repealed.