

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 163**

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 110

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 163—Relative to highways.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 163, House. Lane usage: Department of the California Highway Patrol.

This measure would urge the Department of the California Highway Patrol to pursue, on a high priority basis, the enforcement of all the laws relating to proper use of lanes by large commercial vehicles and other restricted vehicles and would direct the department to provide an estimate, by January 15, 2001, of the uniformed field strength of officers that the department needs to effectively accomplish the enforcement of these laws.

WHEREAS, California's major vehicle arteries, multilaned highways, and freeways are frequently filled to maximum capacity; and

WHEREAS, California's vehicle population continues to rapidly increase each year; and

WHEREAS, The maximum speed allowed by the Vehicle Code for large commercial vehicles and specified other vehicles, and the speed limit allowed by the Vehicle Code for all other vehicles, particularly passenger vehicles, are considerably different; and

WHEREAS, Large commercial vehicles and other specified vehicles are restricted by the Vehicle Code to the use of designated lanes on multilaned highways and freeways; and

WHEREAS, The large volume of vehicles that are violating these restricted lane requirements is creating traffic blockages and dangerous driving patterns; and

WHEREAS, These vehicles frequently drive side by side, occupy two and three lanes for long distances, and occasionally occupy the farthest left lane for extended periods of time; and

WHEREAS, The traffic flow could be improved, and the present volume of traffic more safely and expeditiously moved over present roadways if these vehicles used the lanes in accordance with the Vehicle Code requirements; and

WHEREAS, More efficient use of our limited roadways must be a high order objective, as the movement of people and products for quality living and freedom, in limited space, demand our best efforts; now, therefore, be it



*Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring,* That the Department of the California Highway Patrol is urged to pursue, on a high priority basis, the enforcement of all the laws relating to the proper use of lanes by large commercial vehicles and other restricted vehicles listed in subdivision (a) of Section 22406 of the Vehicle Code, with particular attention being given to diligent enforcement of subdivision (b) of Section 21655 of the Vehicle Code, requiring vehicles to be driven in the right-hand lane of traffic or as close as practicable to the right edge or curb when a specific lane or lanes have not been designated pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 21655 of the Vehicle Code; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Department of the California Highway Patrol is directed to provide an estimate, by January 15, 2001, of the uniformed field strength of officers of the department that is needed to effectively accomplish the enforcement of all the laws relating to the proper use of highway lanes; and be it further

*Resolved,* That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit a copy of this resolution to the Department of the California Highway Patrol.

