

**TITLE 9: VEHICLE CODE**  
**DIVISION 5: RULES OF THE ROAD**

**§ 5501. Required Position and Method of Turning at Intersections.**

The operator of a vehicle intending to turn at an intersection shall do so as follows:

(a) *Right Turns.* Both the approach for a right turn, and a right turn, shall be made as close as practicable to the right-hand curb or edge of the highway.

(b) *Left Turns on Two-Way Highways.* At any intersection where traffic is permitted to move in both directions on each highway entering the intersection, an approach for a left turn shall be made in that portion of the right half of the highway nearest the center line, and by passing to the right of the center line where it enters the intersection, and after entering the intersection the left turn shall be made so as to leave the intersection to the right of the center line of the highway being entered.

(c) *Left Turns on Other Than Two-Way Highways.* At any intersection where traffic is restricted to one direction on one or more of the highways, the operator of a vehicle intending to turn left shall approach the intersection in the left-hand lane lawfully available to traffic moving in the direction of travel of that vehicle and, after entering the intersection, the left turn shall be made so as to leave the intersection, as nearly as practicable, in the lefthand lane lawfully available to traffic moving in such direction upon the highway being entered.

(d) The director may, by regulation, cause markers, buttons or signs to be placed within or adjacent to intersections (from that specified in this section) to be traveled by vehicles turning at an intersection or may allocate and indicate more than one lane of traffic from which operators or vehicles may make right or left-hand turns and when markers, buttons or signs are so placed, no operator of a vehicle shall turn a vehicle at an intersection other than as directed and required or permitted by those markers, buttons or signs.

**Source:** PL 3-61, § 1 (§ 534).

**Commission Comment:** With respect to the reference to the “director” of the Department of Public Safety, see Executive Order 94-3 (effective August 23, 1994), reorganizing the executive branch, changing agency names and official titles, and effecting other changes, set forth in the Commission comment to 1 CMC § 2001.