that it was involved in such accident or has failed to make any accident report required under the provisions of this chapter.


The National Police Force shall publish quarterly statistics on the number of traffic accidents and traffic fatalities.


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Subchapter A. GENERAL RULES

§10.1. Application of chapter to public officers and employees.

The provisions of this chapter applicable to the drivers of vehicles shall apply to drivers of all vehicles owned or operated by the Republic of Liberia or any of its political subdivisions or agencies except as provided in this section and subject to such specific exceptions as are set forth in this chapter with reference to authorized emergency vehicles. Unless specifically made applicable, the provisions of this chapter shall not apply to persons, motor vehicles, and other equipment while actually engaged at work improving or maintaining a highway, nor shall the provisions of paragraph 2 of section 10.81 apply to vehicles operated by public service corporations while actually engaged in work on the installation or maintenance of public service facilities on or adjacent to a highway but shall apply to such persons and vehicles when travelling to or from such work.
§10.2. Authorized emergency vehicles.

1. Privileges of driver. The driver of an authorized emergency vehicle, when responding to an emergency call or when in the pursuit of an actual or suspected violator of the law or when responding to but not upon returning from a fire alarm, may exercise the privileges set forth in this section, but subject to the conditions herein stated. The driver of an authorized emergency vehicle may:

   (a) Stop, stand, or park irrespective of the provisions of this title;
   (b) Proceed past a steady red signal, a flashing red signal, or a stop sign, but only after slowing down as may be necessary for safe operation;
   (c) Exceed the maximum speed limits so long as he does not endanger life or property;
   (d) Disregard regulations governing directions of movement or turning in specified directions.

2. Warning signals. Except for an authorized emergency vehicle operated as a police vehicle, the exemptions herein granted to an authorized emergency vehicle shall apply only when the driver of any such vehicle while in motion sounds such audible signal by bell, siren, or exhaust whistle as may be reasonably necessary, and when the vehicle is equipped with at least one lighted lamp displaying a red light visible under normal atmospheric conditions from a distance of 500 feet to the front of the vehicle.

3. Safe driving required. The foregoing provisions shall not relieve the driver of an authorized emergency vehicle from the duty to drive with due regard for the safety of all persons, nor shall such provisions protect the driver from the consequence of his disregard for the safety of others.

§10.3. Obedience to police officers.

No person shall fail or refuse to comply with any lawful order or direction of any police officer or other person engaged in the direction of traffic. A person who violates the provisions of this section shall be subject to a fine of not more than $500 or imprisonment for not more than six months, or both.
§10.4. Reckless driving.

Any person who operates a vehicle in willful or wanton disregard for the safety of persons or property is guilty of reckless driving. A person who violates the provisions of this section shall be subject to a fine of not more than $500 or imprisonment for not more than six months, or both.


§10.5. Operating vehicle in unsafe condition.

No person shall operate, drive, or move, and no owner of a vehicle shall cause or knowingly permit another person to operate, drive, or move, any vehicle or combination of vehicles which is in such unsafe condition as to endanger any person or property. A person who violates the provisions of this section shall be subject to a fine of not more than $100.


Subchapter B. SPEED RESTRICTIONS

§10.10. Maximum limits.

1. Basic rule. No person shall drive a vehicle at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent with the conditions and having regard to the actual and potential hazards then existing.

2. Limits stated. Except when a special hazard exists that requires a lower speed for compliance with paragraph 1 of this section, the following limits shall be the maximum lawful speeds and no person shall drive a vehicle on a highway at a speed in excess of such maximum limits:

15 miles per hour in a school zone;
25 miles per hour within the limits of any city, municipal district or commonwealth district;
35 miles per hour in residential districts outside the boundaries of cities, municipal districts, or commonwealth districts;
45 miles per hour on the open highway (40 miles per hour for motorcycles).

3. Special conditions requiring reduced speed. The driver of every vehicle shall, consistent with the requirements of paragraph 1 of this section, drive at an appropriate reduced speed when approaching and crossing an intersection or railway grade crossing, when approaching and going round a curve, when approaching a hill crest, when traveling upon a narrow or winding roadway, and when any special hazard exists with respect to pedestrians or other traffic by reason of weather or highway conditions.

4. Penalty. A person who violates the provisions of this section shall be subject to a fine of not more than $100.


§10.11. Minimum limits.

No person shall drive a motor vehicle at such a slow speed as to impede the normal and reasonable movement of traffic except when reduced speed is necessary for safe operation or in compliance with law.


Subchapter C. DRIVING TO THE RIGHT; OVERTAKING AND PASSING

§10.20. General rule.

Vehicles shall be driven on the right half of every road of sufficient width except as follows:

(a) When overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding in the same direction under the rules governing such movement;
(b) When overtaking or passing pedestrians or obstructions on the right half of the highway;
(c) When the right half of a roadway is closed to traffic while under construction or repair;
(d) Upon a roadway designated and signposted for one-way traffic.


Drivers of vehicles proceeding in opposite directions shall pass each other to the right, and upon highways having width for not more than one line of traffic in each direction each driver shall give to the other as nearly as possible at least one-half of the main-traveled portion of the highway.

§10.22. Overtaking a vehicle on the left.

The following rules shall govern the overtaking and passing of vehicles proceeding in the same direction, subject to those limitations and exceptions hereinafter stated:

(a) The driver of a vehicle overtaking another vehicle proceeding in the same direction shall pass to the left thereof at a safe distance and shall not again drive to the right side of the highway until safely clear of the overtaken vehicle.

(b) Except when overtaking and passing on the right is permitted, the driver of an overtaken vehicle shall give way to the right in favor of the overtaking vehicle on audible signal and shall not increase the speed of his vehicle until completely passed by the overtaking vehicle.


§10.23. Overtaking vehicle to give warning.

Every vehicle shall give adequate warning by an audible signal before overtaking and passing another vehicle traveling in the same direction.
§10.24. Limitations on overtaking on the left.

No vehicle shall be driven to the left side of the center of the highway in overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding in the same direction unless such left side is clearly visible and is free of oncoming traffic for a sufficient distance ahead to permit such overtaking and passing to be completed without interfering with the safe operation of any vehicle approaching from the opposite direction or any vehicle overtaken. In every case the overtaking vehicle shall return to the right side of the highway before coming within 100 feet of any vehicle approaching from the opposite direction.


§10.25. Further limitations on driving to left of center of highway.

No vehicle shall at any time be driven to the left side of the highway under the following conditions:

(a) When approaching the crest of a grade or upon a curve in the highway where the driver's view is obstructed within such distance as to create a hazard in the event another vehicle might approach from the opposite direction;

(b) When approaching within 100 feet of or traversing an intersection or railway grade crossing;

(c) When the view is obstructed upon approaching within 100 feet of any bridge, viaduct, or tunnel.

The foregoing limitations shall not apply upon a one-way road nor to a vehicle in any lane which is at the time allocated exclusively to traffic moving in the direction the vehicle is proceeding and is marked to give notice of such allocation.

§10.26. Passing forbidden under certain conditions:

1. *Passing at crosswalks.* No vehicle shall be driven on the left half of the road to pass another vehicle traveling in the same direction while such other vehicle is stopped at a marked crosswalk or at any unmarked crosswalk at an intersection to permit a pedestrian to cross the highway.

2. *Markings on roads.* The Minister is authorized to determine those portions of every road where overtaking and passing or driving on the life side of the road is especially hazardous and to indicate by appropriate signs or markings on such roads the beginning and end of such zones. No driver of a vehicle shall at any time drive on the left side of the highway within such zones.


§10.27. When overtaking on the right is permitted.

A vehicle may pass to the right of any vehicle traveling in the same direction only when:

(a) The overtaken vehicle is making or about to make a left turn; or

(b) The vehicles are traveling on a one-way street or on any road on which the traffic is restricted to one-way movement; or

(c) The road is free from obstruction to the right of the vehicle passed and of sufficient width for two or more lines of moving vehicles to move in the same direction abreast with the other.


§10.28. Overtaking vehicle obstructing view.

If the vehicle being overtaken is so large, wide, or high that the driver who wishes to pass it does not have a clear view of oncoming traffic, the driver or the operator of the overtaken vehicle shall motion to the overtaking vehicle when it is safe to pass.

§10.29. Towing vehicles to permit passing.

When one vehicle towing another on a highway outside any business or residential community follows another truck or vehicle towing another vehicle, the towing vehicle to the rear shall, whenever conditions permit, leave sufficient space between it and the towed vehicle ahead so that an overtaking vehicle may safely pass and enter the space between the towed vehicle in front and the second towing vehicle. This provision shall not, however, prohibit a vehicle which is towing another from overtaking and passing another like vehicle or any other vehicle if such passing can be safely accomplished.


§10.30. Motorcades to permit passing.

Motor vehicles which are being driven in a caravan or motorcade on any highway outside a business or residential district shall be operated with sufficient space between the succeeding vehicles or combinations of vehicles so that other vehicles may overtake and pass a single vehicle or combination of vehicles in such caravan or motorcade and safely enter the space between such overtaken vehicles and the one in front; provided, however, that such requirement shall not apply to funeral processions.


§10.31. One-way highways and rotary traffic islands.

Upon a roadway designated and signposted for one-way traffic a vehicle shall be driven only in the direction designated. A vehicle passing around a rotary traffic island shall be driven only to the right of such island unless otherwise indicated by traffic control devices.

§10.32. Divided highways.

Whenever a highway is divided into two roadways by a physical barrier or by a clearly indicated dividing section constructed so as to impede vehicular traffic or by an intervening space or mall, every vehicle shall be driven on the right-hand roadway only; and no vehicles shall be driven over, across, through, or within any such physical barrier or dividing section or space except at a crossover or intersection established by public authority.


§10.33. Multiple-lane highways.

Whenever any highway has been divided into two or more clearly marked traffic lanes, the following rules, in addition to all others consistent herewith, shall apply:

(a) A vehicle shall, as far as practicable, be driven entirely within one lane and shall not be moved into another lane until the operator has ascertained that such movement can be made with safety.

(b) A vehicle shall not be driven in the center lane of a three-lane highway except when the driver has ascertained that the center lane is clearly visible and free of traffic and he is overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding in the same direction or is preparing to make a left turn or when the center lane is allocated exclusively to traffic moving in the direction in which the vehicle is proceeding and signs have been posted to give notice of such allocation.

(c) When official traffic control devices direct slow-moving vehicles, or traffic moving in a particular direction, to use a designated lane regardless of the center of the highway, drivers of vehicles shall obey the directions of every signal or direction.