



AN ACT REVISING RIGHT-OF-WAY LAWS REGARDING ROUNDABOUTS; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS;
AND AMENDING SECTION 61-8-327, MCA.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Rotary traffic islands and roundabouts -- definitions. (1) A vehicle passing around a rotary traffic island or a roundabout:

- (a) may be driven only to the right of the island or to the right of the center of the roundabout; and
- (b) has right-of-way over all vehicles approaching the island or roundabout.

(2) (a) A vehicle approaching a rotary traffic island or a roundabout must yield the right-of-way to all vehicles passing around the island or roundabout.

(b) A vehicle approaching a roundabout may not enter the roundabout in a manner that interferes with the travel of a towing vehicle simultaneously entering the roundabout.

(3) (a) If the approach to a rotary traffic island or roundabout has multiple lanes of traffic for travel in the same direction, a towing vehicle may, with due regard for all other traffic ~~and when employing a turn signal or hazard signal~~, deviate from its lane in order to safely approach or pass around the island or roundabout. Vehicles travelling in the same direction as the hauling vehicle must yield the right-of-way and may not attempt to pass.

(b) If a towing vehicle is poised to enter a roundabout simultaneously with a second towing vehicle, the vehicle to the left has the right-of-way and the vehicle to the right shall yield.

(4) As used in this section, the following definitions apply:

- (a) "Roundabout" means a circular intersection.
- (b) "Towing vehicle" means a vehicle that is towing one or more vehicles.

Section 2. Section 61-8-327, MCA, is amended to read:

"61-8-327. One-way roadways, rotary traffic islands, and roundabouts. (1) The department of transportation or a local authority may designate a highway, roadway, part of a roadway, or specific lanes under its respective jurisdiction for one-way traffic and shall erect official traffic control devices giving notice of that designation.

(2) ~~Upon~~On a roadway designated by official traffic control devices for one-way traffic, a vehicle may be driven only in the direction designated.

(3) ~~— A vehicle passing around a rotary traffic island or a roundabout may be driven only to the right of the island or the center of the roundabout.~~

(4) ~~— For the purposes of this section, a "roundabout" is a circular intersection where all entering traffic must yield to the vehicles within the intersection."~~

Section 3. Codification instruction. [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 61, chapter 8, part 3, and the provisions of Title 61, chapter 8, part 3, apply to [section 1].

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I hereby certify that the within bill,
SB 433, originated in the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate

President of the Senate

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2025.

Speaker of the House

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2025.

SENATE BILL NO. 433

INTRODUCED BY T. MANZELLA

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