

TURNING AT INTERSECTION--LEFT TURN. G.S. 20-153(b).

The motor vehicle law provides that the operator of a vehicle intending to turn left at any intersection¹ shall approach the intersection in the extreme left-hand lane which is lawfully available to traffic moving in the direction of travel of such vehicle.² The law further provides that, after entering the intersection, the left turn shall be made so as to leave the intersection in a lane which is lawfully available to traffic moving in such direction upon the roadway being entered. Whenever practicable, the left turn shall be made in that portion of the intersection to the left of the center of the intersection.³

A violation of this law is negligence within itself.⁴

¹For definition of intersection, see G.S. 20-4.01(16).

²G.S. 20-153(b) makes no distinction between two-lane or more than two-lane roadway. Gay v. Walter, 58 N.C. App. 813, 294 S.E.2d 769 (1982).

³Under G.S. 20-153(c) local authorities or the Board of Transportation may modify the method of turning at an intersection by clearly indicating a different method by markers, buttons or other directional signs. For an instruction on G.S. 20-153(c), see N.C.P.I.--Civil 209.20.

⁴As to required turn signals, see N.C.P.I.--Civil 206.10.

