

MARIETTA, Ga. — Police in one metro Atlanta county are doling out citations to drivers who are slowing down traffic in the fast lane.

Cobb County police spokeswoman Alicia Chilton tells the Marietta Daily Journal the department has issued more than 200 citations under the Georgia slowpoke law since it was implemented in July. Of those, 93 have been written this year.

The law prohibits slow drivers from using the far left lane if they're aware that they're being passed by other drivers.

The law can help reduce crashes and cut the num-

passing lane cause hazards, and many have been cited on highways and interstates.

"There have been instances in which road rage has occurred due to slower drivers not moving from the left lane of travel to allow others to pass," Chilton said. "In turn, drivers exhibiting road rage cause more crashes due to their likely erratic behavior while behind the wheel."

State Sen. Michael Rhett of Marietta said the bill is also important because it reduces the likelihood that people will pass on the right.

"Most people are used to others passing them on left," Rhett said. "If people pass you on the right,



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The enclosed article explains it well.
If GA can do this why can't
SC do it also?

Signs telling slow drivers to keep
to the right help, but there
are ~~so~~ not enough of them and
they are often ignored.
Impeding traffic does cause
road ~~rage~~ rage and those
causing it need a traffic
citation or warning at ~~the~~ least.

Furthermore, this matter should
be a ^{large} part of driver training that



is taught in high schools and all safe driving courses and the courses taught for senior citizens by AARP.

I came up behind a police officer impeding traffic. I tailgated too close until we slowed to approximately 30 MPH. Dangerous? Yes, but I wanted to make a point. The officer pulled ~~of~~ over for me to pass then blue lighted me. He wanted to know what my problem was. I stated I had been trained not to pass on the right. His comment: Oh, it's okay in South Carolina. That doesn't make it less dangerous!

Thank you for help in this matter. You are doing a great job as our saviors.
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