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I used to live in California where "lanesplitting" is legal already. I would do it at low speeds in highway traffic. There are some cases when I need to lane split - I have a big, old BMW that is air cooled, and on a hot day if I'm stuck in traffic, it can overheat. It needs to stay moving to keep cool. So if I can't keep moving, I might have to pull over, shut it off, and let the engine cool down. The other times I would go between lanes is at red lights at intersections. This is a safety issue too, as getting rear-ended on a motorcycle while stopped is pretty serious. I knew someone who had been hit that way by a distracted driver, and said they would always pull up between cars at a red light after that experience. There are only a few times I'd ever seen people ride between lanes in a dangerous way (once it was a highway patrol officer). I'm sure those people are already doing it anyways, but those of us who will do it safely should be able to.