



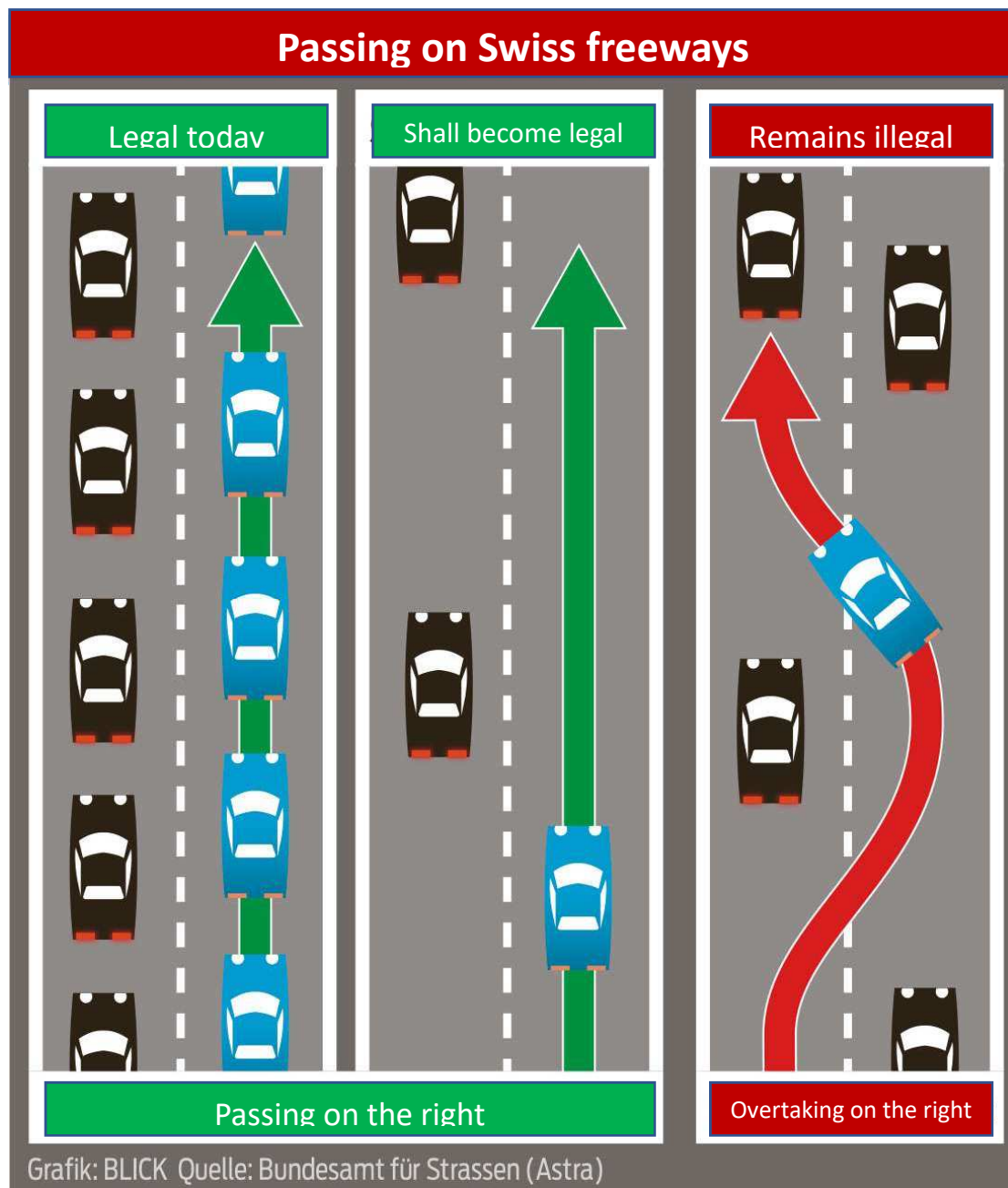
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## But changing lanes remains illegal

The parliament allows passing on the right on Swiss freeways.

BERN – The parliament wants to allow passing on the right lane(s) on freeways. A measure that shall effect the flow of traffic and more space on the road. Both chambers of the Swiss parliament have agreed on the proposal recently.





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Overtaking is always connected with changing lanes, passing on the right does not include a change of lanes. Overtaking on the right in Switzerland is sanctioned with a loss of license. Passing on the right can already today be permitted according to the federal court, especially when traffic on the left lane is slow and dense.

The federal council is now working on the new regulation, that will allow passing on the right in general. Overtaking on the right will remain prohibited.

According to the initiative, a lot of drivers will not pass on the right because of fear of a fine. That leads to a loss of valuable capacities on national roads. It is estimated that passing on the right will increase the capacity on the freeways by 5 to 10%.

The federal council welcomes this initiative. Details will be evaluated as it is not always clear to differentiate between passing and overtaking. Switzerland will be one of the first European country that will officially allow passing on the right. (SDA)