



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6453

January Session, 2009

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AN ACT CONCERNING THE DUTY OF OPERATORS OF MOTOR VEHICLES WHEN APPROACHING STATIONARY EMERGENCY VEHICLES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2009*) (a) For the purpose of
2 this section, "emergency vehicle" means any vehicle with activated
3 flashing lights (1) operated by a member of an emergency medical
4 service organization responding to an emergency call, (2) operated by
5 a fire department or by any member of a fire department responding
6 to a fire or other emergency, (3) operated by a police officer, (4) that is
7 a maintenance vehicle, as defined in section 14-1 of the general
8 statutes, or (5) that is a wrecker, as defined in section 14-1 of the
9 general statutes, "police officer" has the same meaning as in section 7-
10 294a of the general statutes and "highway" means a state or public
11 highway with two or more travel lanes that proceed in the same
12 direction.

13 (b) Any operator of a motor vehicle on a highway when
14 approaching one or more stationary emergency vehicles located on the
15 shoulder, lane or breakdown lane of such highway shall (1)
16 immediately reduce speed to a reasonable level below the posted
17 speed limit, and (2) if traveling in the lane adjacent to the shoulder,
18 lane or breakdown lane containing such emergency vehicle, move such
19 motor vehicle over one lane, unless such movement would be

20 unreasonable or unsafe.

21 (c) A violation of any provision of this section shall be an infraction.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2009</i>	New section

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