



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 983**

LCO No. 3485



Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION

Introduced by:  
(TRA)

***AN ACT CONCERNING SLOWING DOWN FOR SERVICE VEHICLES.***

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2021*) (a) For the purposes of this  
2 section, "service vehicle" means (1) a commercial motor vehicle  
3 equipped with a garbage compactor, a detachable container or a  
4 curbside recycling body, (2) a tank vehicle, (3) a vehicle authorized by  
5 the United States government to carry mail, or (4) a vehicle operated by  
6 an express delivery carrier.

7 (b) Except as provided in sections 14-233 and 14-234 of the general  
8 statutes, the driver of a vehicle overtaking and proceeding in the same  
9 direction of a service vehicle that is stationary or traveling significantly  
10 below the posted speed limit shall immediately reduce speed to a  
11 reasonable level below the posted speed limit and pass to the left of such  
12 service vehicle at a safe distance. The driver shall not again drive to the  
13 right side of the highway until safely clear of such service vehicle.

14 (c) Violation of any provision of this section shall be an infraction.

15 Sec. 2. Subdivision (1) of section 14-212 of the general statutes is

16 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
17 *1, 2021*):

18 (1) The following terms shall be construed as they are defined in  
19 section 14-1: "Authorized emergency vehicle", "class 1 electric bicycle",  
20 "class 2 electric bicycle", "class 3 electric bicycle", "commissioner",  
21 "driver", "electric bicycle", "electric foot scooter", "fuels", "gross weight",  
22 "head lamp", "high-mileage vehicle", "highway", "light weight", "limited  
23 access highway", "maintenance vehicle", "motor bus", "motorcycle",  
24 "motor vehicle registration", "nonresident", "nonskid device", "number  
25 plate", "officer", "operator", "owner", "passenger motor vehicle",  
26 "passenger and commercial motor vehicle", "person", "pneumatic tires",  
27 "pole trailer", "registration", "registration number", "second offense",  
28 "semitrailer", "shoulder", "solid tires", "stop", "subsequent offense", "tail  
29 lamp", "tank vehicle", "tractor", "tractor-trailer unit", "trailer", "truck"  
30 and "vanpool vehicle";

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2021</i>	14-212(1)

**Statement of Purpose:**

To require motor vehicle operators to slow down when passing service vehicles.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*