



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 983

January Session, 2021



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) (1) On and after October 1, 2021, and until June 30, 2022, any
15 person who violates any provision of this section shall receive a
16 warning. (2) On and after July 1, 2022, any person who violates any
17 provision of this section shall have committed an infraction.

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

19 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
20 *1, 2021*):

21 (1) The following terms shall be construed as they are defined in
22 section 14-1: "Authorized emergency vehicle", "class 1 electric bicycle",
23 "class 2 electric bicycle", "class 3 electric bicycle", "commissioner",
24 "driver", "electric bicycle", "electric foot scooter", "fuels", "gross weight",
25 "head lamp", "high-mileage vehicle", "highway", "light weight", "limited
26 access highway", "maintenance vehicle", "motor bus", "motorcycle",
27 "motor vehicle registration", "nonresident", "nonskid device", "number
28 plate", "officer", "operator", "owner", "passenger motor vehicle",
29 "passenger and commercial motor vehicle", "person", "pneumatic tires",
30 "pole trailer", "registration", "registration number", "second offense",
31 "semitrailer", "shoulder", "solid tires", "stop", "subsequent offense", "tail
32 lamp", "tank vehicle", "tractor", "tractor-trailer unit", "trailer", "truck"
33 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)

TRA *Joint Favorable Subst.*