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3 By Representative McCutcheon
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1 performing tasks associated with the provision of utility
2 services, the driver of every other vehicle, as soon as it is
3 safe, shall do the following:

4 "a. When driving on an interstate highway or other
5 highway with two or more lanes traveling in the direction of
6 the law enforcement vehicle, emergency vehicle, ~~or wrecker,~~ or
7 utility service vehicle, the driver shall vacate the lane
8 closest to the law enforcement vehicle, emergency vehicle, ~~or~~
9 wrecker, or utility service vehicle, unless otherwise directed
10 by a law enforcement officer. If not safe to move over, the
11 driver shall slow to a speed that is at least 15 miles per
12 hour less than the posted speed limit unless otherwise
13 directed by a law enforcement officer.

14 "b. When driving on a two-lane road, the driver
15 shall move as far away from the law enforcement vehicle,
16 emergency vehicle, wrecker, or utility service vehicle as
17 possible within his or her lane and slow to a speed that is 15
18 miles per hour less than the posted speed limit when the
19 posted speed limit is 25 miles per hour or greater or travel
20 at 10 miles per hour when the posted speed limit is 20 miles
21 per hour or less, unless otherwise directed by a law
22 enforcement officer.

23 "(2) A violation of this subsection is a misdemeanor
24 punishable by a fine of twenty-five dollars (\$25). Upon a
25 second violation of this subsection, the fine shall be fifty
26 dollars (\$50). Upon a third or subsequent violation, the fine
27 shall be one hundred dollars (\$100).

1 "(c) (1) The Department of Public Safety shall
2 provide an educational awareness campaign informing the
3 motoring public about this section. The department shall
4 provide information about this section in all newly printed
5 driver's license educational materials after January 1, 2010.

6 "(2) This section shall not relieve the driver of an
7 authorized emergency vehicle from the duty to drive with due
8 regard for the safety of all persons using the highway.

9 "~~(3) Notwithstanding subsection (b), this section~~
10 ~~shall be enforced by a warning citation for six months after~~
11 ~~August 1, 2009."~~

12 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
13 first day of the third month following its passage and
14 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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