

HOUSE BILL No. 2605

By Committee on Transportation

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1 AN ACT regulating traffic; concerning the platooning of motor vehicles,
2 definition; amending K.S.A. 8-1523 and K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 8-1486 and
3 repealing the existing sections.
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5 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

6 New Section 1. "Platoon" means two or more individual motor
7 vehicles traveling in a unified manner at electronically coordinated speeds
8 and following distances that are closer than defined under K.S.A. 8-
9 1523(a), and amendments thereto, without such coordination.

10 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 8-1486 is hereby amended to read as
11 follows: 8-1486. K.S.A. 8-1402a, 8-1414a, 8-1439c, 8-1458a, 8-1459a, 8-
12 1475a, 8-1487, 8-1488, 8-1489 and 8-1490 and amendments thereto, and
13 K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 8-1491, 8-1492, 8-1493, 8-1494, 8-1495, 8-1496 ~~and,~~
14 8-1497 *and section 1*, and amendments thereto, shall be a part of; and
15 supplemental to; the uniform act regulating traffic on highways.

16 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 8-1523 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-1523.
17 (a) The driver of a motor vehicle shall not follow another vehicle more
18 closely than is reasonable and prudent, having due regard for the speed of
19 such vehicles and the traffic upon and the condition of the highway.

20 (b) The driver of any truck or motor vehicle drawing another vehicle
21 when traveling upon a roadway outside of a business or residence district
22 ~~and which~~ *that* is following another truck or motor vehicle drawing
23 another vehicle shall leave sufficient space, whenever conditions permit,
24 so that an overtaking vehicle may enter and occupy such space without
25 danger, except that this shall not prevent a truck or motor vehicle drawing
26 another vehicle from overtaking and passing any vehicle or combination of
27 vehicles.

28 (c) Motor vehicles being driven upon any roadway outside of a
29 business or residence district in a caravan or motorcade, whether or not
30 towing other vehicles, shall be so operated as to allow sufficient space
31 between each such vehicle or combination of vehicles so as to enable any
32 other vehicle to enter and occupy such space without danger. This
33 provision shall not apply to funeral processions.

34 (d) *This section shall not apply to a non-lead vehicle in a platoon*
35 *that is operated on a four-lane divided highway.*

36 Sec. 4. K.S.A. 8-1523 and K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 8-1486 are hereby

1 repealed.

2 Sec. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
3 publication in the statute book.