

1 AN ACT relating to motor vehicles.

2 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 189.930 is amended to read as follows:

4 **(1) As used in this section, "personal communication device" shall have the same**
5 **meaning as in KRS 189.292.**

6 ~~(2)~~~~(1)~~ Upon the approach of an emergency vehicle equipped with, and operating, one
7 (1) or more flashing, rotating, or oscillating red or blue lights, visible under normal
8 conditions from a distance of five hundred (500) feet to the front of such vehicle; or
9 the driver is given audible signal by siren, exhaust whistle, or bell, the driver of
10 every other vehicle shall yield the right-of-way, immediately drive to a position
11 parallel to, and as close as possible to, the edge or curb of the highway clear of any
12 intersection, and stop and remain in such position until the emergency vehicle has
13 passed, except when otherwise directed by a police officer or firefighter.

14 ~~(3)~~~~(2)~~ Upon the approach of any emergency vehicle, operated in conformity with the
15 provisions of subsection ~~(2)~~~~(1)~~ of this section, the operator of every vehicle shall
16 immediately stop clear of any intersection and shall keep such position until the
17 emergency vehicle has passed, unless directed otherwise by a police officer or
18 firefighter.

19 ~~(4)~~~~(3)~~ No operator of any vehicle, unless he ***or she*** is on official business, shall
20 follow any emergency vehicle being operated in conformity with the provisions of
21 subsection ~~(2)~~~~(1)~~ of this section closer than five hundred (500) feet, nor shall he ***or***
22 ***she*** drive into, or park the vehicle into, or park the vehicle within, the block where
23 the vehicle has stopped in answer to an emergency call or alarm unless he ***or she*** is
24 directed otherwise by a police officer or firefighter.

25 **(5) An operator of a motor vehicle shall not use a personal communication device to**
26 **take, send, or view photographs or videos of any accident scene unless he or she**
27 **is on official business or is involved in the accident.**

1 ~~(6)~~~~(4)~~ No vehicle, train, or other equipment shall be driven over any unprotected
2 hose of a fire department when the hose is laid down on any street, private
3 driveway, or track for use at any fire or fire alarm unless the fire department official
4 in command consents that the hose be driven over.

5 ~~(7)~~~~(5)~~ Upon approaching a stationary emergency vehicle or public safety vehicle,
6 when the emergency vehicle or public safety vehicle is giving a signal by displaying
7 alternately flashing yellow, red, red and white, red and blue, or blue lights, a person
8 who drives an approaching vehicle shall, while proceeding with due caution:

9 (a) Yield the right-of-way by moving to a lane not adjacent to that of the
10 authorized emergency vehicle, if:

11 1. The person is driving on a highway having at least four (4) lanes with
12 not fewer than two (2) lanes proceeding in the same direction as the
13 approaching vehicle; and

14 2. If it is possible to make the lane change with due regard to safety and
15 traffic conditions; or

16 (b) Reduce the speed of the vehicle, maintaining a safe speed to road conditions,
17 if changing lanes would be impossible or unsafe.

18 ~~(8)~~~~(6)~~ This section does not operate to relieve the person who drives an emergency
19 vehicle from the duty to operate the vehicle with due regard for the safety of all
20 persons using the highway.