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Introduction and first reading  
Referred to Transportation Finance and Policy

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to transportation; requiring drivers to slow down when passing stopped  
1.3 service vehicles; authorizing recycling trucks to be equipped with and to use amber  
1.4 lights while collecting recycling; amending Minnesota Statutes 2018, sections  
1.5 169.18, subdivision 12; 169.64, subdivision 9.

1.6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 169.18, subdivision 12, is amended to read:

1.8 Subd. 12. **Passing certain parked vehicles.** (a) When approaching and before passing  
1.9 a ~~freeway service patrol vehicle, road maintenance vehicle, utility company vehicle, or~~  
1.10 ~~construction~~ service vehicle with its warning lights activated that is parked or otherwise  
1.11 stopped on or next to a street or highway having two lanes in the same direction, the driver  
1.12 of a vehicle shall safely move the vehicle to the lane farthest away from the parked or  
1.13 stopped vehicle, if it is possible to do so.

1.14 (b) When approaching and before passing a ~~freeway service patrol vehicle, road~~  
1.15 ~~maintenance vehicle, utility company vehicle, or construction~~ service vehicle with its warning  
1.16 lights activated that is parked or otherwise stopped on or next to a street or highway having  
1.17 more than two lanes in the same direction, the driver of a vehicle shall safely move the  
1.18 vehicle so as to leave a full lane vacant between the driver and any lane in which the vehicle  
1.19 is completely or partially parked or otherwise stopped, if it is possible to do so.

1.20 (c) If a lane change under paragraph (a) or (b) is impossible, or when approaching and  
1.21 before passing a ~~freeway service patrol vehicle, road maintenance vehicle, utility company~~  
1.22 ~~vehicle, or construction~~ service vehicle with its warning lights activated that is parked or  
1.23 otherwise stopped on or next to a street or highway having only one lane in the same

2.1 direction, the driver of a vehicle must reduce the speed of the motor vehicle to a speed that  
2.2 is reasonable and prudent under the conditions until the motor vehicle has completely passed  
2.3 the parked or stopped ~~freeway service patrol vehicle, road maintenance vehicle, utility~~  
2.4 ~~company vehicle, or construction~~ service vehicle, if it is possible to do so.

2.5 (d) For purposes of this subdivision, a "service vehicle" means a freeway service patrol  
2.6 vehicle, road maintenance vehicle, utility company vehicle, construction vehicle, solid waste  
2.7 truck, recycling truck, or other similar vehicle or truck that stops on a roadway as part of  
2.8 providing service. A service vehicle must be equipped with warning lights.

2.9 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 169.64, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

2.10 Subd. 9. **Warning lamp on vehicles collecting solid waste or recycling.** A vehicle  
2.11 used to collect solid waste or recycling may be equipped with a single amber gaseous  
2.12 discharge warning lamp that meets the Society of Automotive Engineers standard J 1318,  
2.13 Class 2. The lamp may be operated only when the collection vehicle is in the process of  
2.14 collecting solid waste or recycling and is either:

2.15 (1) stopped at an establishment where solid waste or recycling is to be collected; or

2.16 (2) traveling at a speed that is at least ten miles per hour below the posted speed limit  
2.17 and moving between establishments where solid waste or recycling is to be collected.