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Introduced by Representatives Weed of Enosburgh, Cina of Burlington,
Gonzalez of Winooski, and McCormack of Burlington

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Motor vehicles; slow-moving vehicles

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to define
“slow-moving vehicle” and what constitutes impeding other traffic for
purposes of an existing law requiring slow-moving vehicles that impede other
traffic to pull off the highway at the first opportunity.

An act relating to slow-moving vehicles

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. 23 V.S.A. § 1082 is amended to read:

§ 1082. SLOW-MOVING VEHICLES

(a) As used in this section:

(1) “Slow-moving vehicle” means a vehicle that is proceeding at a rate
of speed less than the normal flow of traffic at the particular time and place,
but does not include a vehicle proceeding at or above the applicable speed
limit.

1 (2) “Vehicle that impedes other traffic on a highway” means a
2 slow-moving vehicle behind which seven or more vehicles are formed in a
3 line.

4 (b) All slow-moving vehicles shall keep at all times as close to the
5 right-hand side of the highway as is reasonably practicable.

6 (c) A person operating a ~~motor~~ vehicle ~~which~~ that impedes other traffic on
7 a highway shall pull off the highway at the first opportunity when it is lawful
8 to do so in order to allow the traffic to pass before proceeding.

9 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

10 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.