

ENROLLED ACT NO. 48, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SIXTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
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AN ACT relating to the regulation of traffic on highways; amending requirements for passing parked emergency vehicles; creating requirements for passing parked or slow-moving municipal, construction, public utility and maintenance vehicles; and providing for an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

Section 1. W.S. 31-5-224(a)(i), (ii), by creating a new subsection (b), by amending and renumbering (b) as (c) and by creating a new subsection (d) is amended to read:

31-5-224. Operation of vehicles upon approach of authorized emergency vehicles and other parked or slow-moving vehicles.

(a) Upon the immediate approach of an authorized emergency vehicle making use of audible or visual signals meeting the requirements of W.S. 31-5-928 and 31-5-952, the driver of every other vehicle shall yield the right-of-way and shall immediately drive to a position parallel to, and as close as possible to, the right-hand edge or curb of the roadway clear of any intersection and shall stop and remain in that position until the authorized emergency vehicle has passed, except when otherwise directed by a police officer. When an authorized emergency vehicle making use of any visual signals provided for in W.S. 31-5-928(d) is parked, the driver of every other vehicle, as soon as it is safe:

(i) When driving on an interstate highway or other highway with two (2) or more lanes traveling in the direction of the emergency vehicle, shall merge into the lane farthest from the emergency vehicle or at least one (1) lane of traffic apart from the emergency vehicle, except when otherwise directed by a police officer;

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(ii) When driving on a two (2) lane road with a posted speed limit of forty-five (45) miles per hour or greater, shall slow to a speed that is twenty (20) miles per hour less than the posted speed limit, except when otherwise directed by a police officer.

(b) When an authorized municipal, public utility or highway construction or maintenance vehicle is stopped or is moving at less than twenty (20) miles per hour on or within three (3) feet of a roadway and is making use of any visual signals provided for in W.S. 31-5-928(d), (f)(ii) or 31-5-930, the driver of every other vehicle, as soon as it is safe:

(i) When driving on an interstate highway or other highway with two (2) or more lanes traveling in the same direction of the municipal, public utility or highway construction or maintenance vehicle, shall merge into the lane farthest from the vehicle or at least one (1) lane of traffic apart from the vehicle except when otherwise directed by a police officer;

(ii) When driving on a two (2) lane road with a posted speed limit of forty-five (45) miles per hour or greater, shall slow to a speed that is twenty (20) miles per hour less than the posted speed limit, except when otherwise directed by a police officer.

~~(b)~~ (c) This section shall not operate to relieve the driver of an authorized emergency vehicle, municipal, public utility or highway construction or maintenance vehicle from the duty to drive with due regard for the safety of all persons using the highway.

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(d) For purposes of this section, "public utility" means as defined in W.S. 37-1-101(a)(vi).

Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2018.

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the House.

Chief Clerk