

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 106

BY TRANSPORTATION AND DEFENSE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

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2 RELATING TO RULES OF THE ROAD; AMENDING SECTION 49-624, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE  
3 PROVISIONS REGARDING DRIVER DUTY UPON APPROACHING CERTAIN STATIONARY  
4 VEHICLES.

5 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

6 SECTION 1. That Section 49-624, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby  
7 amended to read as follows:

8 49-624. DRIVER DUTY UPON APPROACHING A STATIONARY ~~POLICE VEHICLE OR~~  
9 ~~AN AUTHORIZED EMERGENCY VEHICLE~~ DISPLAYING FLASHING LIGHTS. The driver of  
10 a motor vehicle, upon approaching a stationary police vehicle displaying  
11 flashing lights ~~or~~, an authorized emergency vehicle displaying flashing  
12 lights, a stationary tow truck displaying flashing lights, a stationary  
13 highway maintenance vehicle displaying flashing lights, a stationary util-  
14 ity maintenance vehicle displaying flashing lights, or a stationary vehicle  
15 displaying emergency hazard lights, shall:

16 (1) If the driver is traveling on a highway with two (2) or more lanes  
17 carrying traffic in the same direction, immediately reduce the speed of  
18 his vehicle below the posted speed limit, proceed with due caution and, if  
19 traveling in a lane adjacent to ~~the stationary police vehicle displaying~~  
20 ~~flashing lights or the authorized emergency vehicle displaying flashing~~  
21 ~~lights~~ any vehicle displaying flashing lights described in this section,  
22 change lanes into a lane that is not adjacent to such vehicle as soon as it is  
23 possible to do so in a manner that is reasonable and prudent under the condi-  
24 tions then existing, with regard to actual and potential hazards.

25 (2) If the driver is traveling on a highway with one (1) lane for each  
26 direction of travel, immediately reduce the speed of his vehicle below the  
27 posted speed limit, and maintain a safe speed for the road, weather, and  
28 traffic conditions until completely past ~~the stationary police vehicle or~~  
29 ~~authorized emergency vehicle~~ any vehicle displaying flashing lights de-  
30 scribed in this section.