

Senate Bill 108

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Expands offense of following too closely to include vehicle coming up behind another vehicle in unsafe manner. Punishes by fine of \$360.

Increases penalty for offense of following too closely if act contributes to collision. Punishes by fine of \$720.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to traffic offenses; amending ORS 811.485.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 811.485 is amended to read:

5 811.485. (1) A person commits the offense of following too closely if the person does any of the
6 following:

7 (a) Drives a vehicle so as to follow another vehicle more closely than is reasonable and prudent,
8 having due regard for the speed of the vehicles and the traffic upon, and condition of, the highway.

9 (b) Drives a truck, commercial bus or motor vehicle drawing another vehicle when traveling
10 upon a roadway outside of a business or residence district or upon a freeway within the corporate
11 limits of a city and follows another truck, commercial bus or motor vehicle drawing another vehicle
12 without, when conditions permit, leaving sufficient space so that an overtaking vehicle may enter
13 and occupy the space without danger. This paragraph does not prevent a truck, commercial bus or
14 motor vehicle drawing another vehicle from overtaking and passing a vehicle or combination of ve-
15 hicles.

16 (c) Drives a vehicle when traveling upon a roadway outside of a business or residence district
17 or upon a freeway within the corporate limits of a city in a caravan or motorcade whether or not
18 towing another vehicle without operating the vehicle so as to leave sufficient space between vehi-
19 cles to enable a vehicle to enter and occupy the space without danger.

20 **(d) Drives a vehicle so as to come up behind another vehicle in an unsafe manner.**

21 (2) This section does not apply in the case of a funeral procession. Except for the funeral lead
22 vehicle, vehicles participating in a funeral procession shall follow the preceding vehicle as closely
23 as is reasonable and safe.

24 (3) The offense described in this section, following too closely, is a Class B traffic violation
25 **unless the commission of the offense contributes to a collision. If the commission of the of-**
26 **fense described in this section, following too closely, contributes to a collision, the offense**
27 **is a Class A traffic violation.**

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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.