

House Bill 2040

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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 failure to maintain safe distance from emergency vehicle or ambulance to include roadside assistance vehicles and tow vehicles.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to roadside assistance; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 811.147.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 811.147 is amended to read:

5 811.147. (1) **As used in this section, "roadside assistance vehicle" means a vehicle with**
6 **warning lights that responds to requests for repair assistance from motorists with disabled**
7 **vehicles.**

8 [(1)] (2) A person operating a motor vehicle commits the offense of failure to maintain a safe
9 distance from an emergency vehicle, **roadside assistance vehicle, tow vehicle** or ambulance if the
10 person approaches an emergency vehicle, **roadside assistance vehicle, tow vehicle** or ambulance
11 that is stopped and is displaying required warning lights and the person:

12 (a) On a highway having two or more lanes for traffic in a single direction, fails to:

13 (A) Make a lane change to a lane not adjacent to that of the emergency vehicle, **roadside as-**
14 **sistance vehicle, tow vehicle** or ambulance; or

15 (B) Reduce the speed of the motor vehicle, if making a lane change is unsafe.

16 (b) On a two directional, two-lane highway, fails to reduce the speed of the motor vehicle.

17 [(2)] (3) The offense described in this section, failure to maintain a safe distance from an emer-
18 gency vehicle, **roadside assistance vehicle, tow vehicle** or ambulance, is a Class B traffic vio-
19 lation.

20 **SECTION 2. The amendments to ORS 811.147 by section 1 of this 2009 Act apply to of-**
21 **fenses committed on or after the effective date of this 2009 Act.**

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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.