

Senate Bill 961

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

SUMMARY

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Requires vehicles to maintain safe distance from emergency vehicle or ambulance that is stopped and displaying warning lights.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to vehicles; 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) A person operating a [*motor*] vehicle commits the offense of failure to maintain a
6 safe distance from an emergency vehicle or ambulance if the person approaches an emergency ve-
7 hicle or ambulance that is stopped and is displaying required warning lights and the person:

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

9 (A) Make a lane change to a lane not adjacent to that of the emergency vehicle or ambulance;

10 or

11 (B) Reduce the speed of the [*motor*] vehicle, if making a lane change is unsafe.

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

13 (2) The offense described in this section, failure to maintain a safe distance from an emergency
14 vehicle or ambulance, is a Class B 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.