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SUMMARY

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Expands "move over law" to include any motor vehicle that is displaying warning or hazard lights or specific indications of distress.

Provides that person may comply with law by slowing down or changing lanes.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to the offense of failure to maintain a safe distance from a motor vehicle; creating new
3 provisions; and amending ORS 811.147.

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

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

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

8 [(2)] (1) 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 per-*
10 *son approaches an emergency vehicle, roadside assistance vehicle, tow vehicle or ambulance*] **a motor**
11 **vehicle if the person approaches a motor vehicle** that is stopped and is displaying required
12 warning lights **or hazard lights, or a person is indicating distress by using emergency flares**
13 **or posting emergency signs, and the person operating the motor vehicle:**

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

15 (A) Make a lane change to a lane not adjacent to that of the [*emergency vehicle, roadside as-*
16 *sistance vehicle, tow vehicle or ambulance*] **stopped motor vehicle; or**

17 (B) Reduce the speed of the motor vehicle to a speed that is at least five miles per hour under
18 the speed limit established in ORS 811.111 or a designated speed posted under ORS 810.180[, *if*
19 *making a lane change is unsafe*].

20 (b) On a two directional, two-lane highway, fails to reduce the speed of the motor vehicle to a
21 speed that is at least five miles per hour under the speed limit established in ORS 811.111 or a
22 designated speed posted under ORS 810.180.

23 **(2) A person is not in violation of the offense described in this section if the stopped**
24 **motor vehicle is in a designated parking area.**

25 (3) The offense described in this section, failure to maintain a safe distance from [*an emergency*
26 *vehicle, roadside assistance vehicle, tow vehicle or ambulance*] **a motor vehicle, is a Class B traffic**

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.

1 violation.

2 **SECTION 2. The amendments to ORS 811.147 by section 1 of this 2017 Act apply to con-**
3 **duct occurring on or after the effective date of this 2017 Act.**

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