

Senate Bill 34

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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.

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 *istance 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 mak-
19 ing 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
27 violation.

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