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AN ACT relating to rules of the road; revising provisions relating to the duties of a driver when approaching an authorized vehicle of the Department of Transportation which is stopped and making use of certain flashing and other lights; providing a penalty; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Existing law authorizes certain vehicles used by the Department of Transportation to display a flashing amber warning light on a vehicle or to be equipped with tail lamps that emit a nonflashing blue light in certain circumstances involving: (1) the existence of an unusual traffic hazard; (2) when the vehicle is engaged in construction, maintenance or repair of highways; or (3) when the workers who are performing such construction, maintenance or repair are present. (NRS 484D.185, 484D.200) Existing law also requires the driver of a vehicle who approaches an authorized emergency vehicle which is stopped and is displaying flashing lights or a tow car which is stopped and is displaying flashing amber warning lights to: (1) decrease his or her speed; (2) proceed with caution; (3) be prepared to stop; and (4) if possible, drive in a lane which is not adjacent to the lane in which the emergency vehicle or tow car is stopped. (NRS 484B.607) **Section 1** of this bill applies the same requirements to the driver of a vehicle who approaches an authorized vehicle of the Department of Transportation which is stopped and is displaying flashing amber warning lights or is making use of lamps located toward the rear of the vehicle which emit nonflashing blue light. Existing law makes a violation of these requirements a misdemeanor. (NRS 484B.607) **Section 2** of this bill amends existing law to specify that an authorized vehicle used by the Department of Transportation for the construction, maintenance or repair of highways may be equipped with lamps located toward the rear of the vehicle that emit nonflashing blue light.

EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. NRS 484B.607 is hereby amended to read as follows:

484B.607 1. Upon approaching an authorized emergency vehicle which is stopped and is making use of flashing lights meeting the requirements of subsection 3 of NRS 484A.480 , ~~or~~ a tow car which is stopped and is making use of flashing amber warning lights meeting the requirements of NRS 484B.748 ~~or~~ *an authorized vehicle of the Department of Transportation which is stopped and is making use of flashing amber warning lights meeting the requirements of subsection 1 of NRS 484D.185 or lamps that emit nonflashing blue light meeting the requirements*



of NRS 484D.200, the driver of the approaching vehicle shall, in the absence of other direction given by a peace officer:

- (a) Decrease the speed of the vehicle to a speed that is:
 - (1) Reasonable and proper, pursuant to the criteria set forth in subsection 1 of NRS 484B.600; and
 - (2) Less than the posted speed limit, if a speed limit has been posted;
- (b) Proceed with caution;
- (c) Be prepared to stop; and
- (d) If possible, drive in a lane that is not adjacent to the lane in which the emergency vehicle , ~~to~~ tow car *or other vehicle* is stopped, unless roadway, traffic, weather or other conditions make doing so unsafe or impossible.

2. A person who violates subsection 1 is guilty of a misdemeanor.

Sec. 2. NRS 484D.200 is hereby amended to read as follows:

484D.200 An authorized vehicle used by the Department of Transportation for the construction, maintenance or repair of highways may be equipped with ~~tail~~ lamps *located toward the rear of the vehicle* that emit nonflashing blue light which may be used:

1. For vehicles that perform construction, maintenance or repair of highways, including, without limitation, vehicles used for the removal of snow, when the vehicle is engaged in such construction, maintenance or repair; and

2. For all other authorized vehicles of the Department of Transportation used in the construction, maintenance or repair of highways:

(a) In an area designated as a temporary traffic control zone in which construction, maintenance or repair of a highway is conducted; and

(b) At a time when the workers who are performing the construction, maintenance or repair of the highway are present.

Sec. 3. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2017.

