

Amendment to SB 465-FN

1 Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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3 AN ACT relative to motorist duties when approaching highway emergencies involving a
4 stopped or standing vehicle.

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6 Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

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8 1 Motorist Duties; Approaching Stopped or Standing Vehicles. Amend RSA 265:37-a, I to read
9 as follows:

10 I. When in or approaching an incident involving a fire, collision, disaster, utility construction
11 or maintenance, or other emergency resulting in partial or complete blockage of a highway, or a
12 location where a police officer has made a traffic stop, **or a stopped or standing vehicle**, every
13 driver other than the driver of an emergency response vehicle, shall:

14 (a) Maintain a reduced speed **and if practical give a wide berth, without**
15 **endangering oncoming traffic, to public safety personnel, any persons in the roadway, and**
16 **vehicles displaying blue, red, or amber emergency, warning lights, or a stopped or standing**
17 **vehicle.**

18 (b) Obey the directions of any authorized person directing traffic and of all applicable
19 emergency signals and traffic control devices.

20 (c) Vacate as soon as possible any lane wholly or partially blocked.

21 ~~[(d) Give a wide berth, without endangering oncoming traffic, to public safety personnel,~~
22 ~~any persons in the roadway, and vehicles displaying blue, red, or amber emergency or warning~~
23 ~~lights.]~~

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill adds stopped or standing vehicles as highway emergencies requiring approaching drivers to give a wide berth.