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*Bill Analysis*  
*Legislative Service Commission*

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(As Introduced)

**Reps. Fessler, Flowers, Evans, J. McGregor, Stebelton, Chandler, Adams, Brown, Fende, Setzer, Collier**

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### **BILL SUMMARY**

- Requires a driver to pull over or slow down upon approaching a stationary road service vehicle that is displaying flashing, oscillating, or rotating amber lights while servicing a disabled vehicle.

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### **CONTENT AND OPERATION**

#### **Road service vehicle displaying amber lights along a highway**

Under current law, when the driver of a motor vehicle approaches a stationary public safety vehicle (generally an ambulance, police, or fire vehicle) that is displaying its emergency lights, the driver must change lanes into a lane that is not adjacent to that of the stationary public safety vehicle if the highway configuration allows such movement and the movement can be done safely; if the driver cannot safely move to an adjacent lane of travel, the driver must proceed with due caution, reduce the speed of the motor vehicle, and maintain a safe speed for the road, weather, and traffic conditions (R.C. 4511.213(A)). Violation of this law is a minor misdemeanor on a first offense; if, within one year, the offender has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to one violation of certain similar offenses, the offense is a misdemeanor of the fourth degree; and upon a third or subsequent violation of certain similar offenses within one year, the offense is a misdemeanor of the third degree (R.C. 4511.213(D)(1)).

Under the bill, a driver also must pull over or slow down as described above upon approaching a stationary road service vehicle that is displaying flashing, oscillating, or rotating amber lights as authorized under existing law when a road service vehicle is servicing or towing a disabled vehicle (R.C. 4511.213(A) and 4513.17 (not in the bill)).

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## **HISTORY**

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