



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5197

LCO No. 1469



Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION

Introduced by:
(TRA)

***AN ACT CONCERNING SLOWING DOWN FOR GARBAGE TRUCKS,
RECYCLING TRUCKS AND OIL AND TANK VEHICLES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2020*) (a) For the purposes of this
2 section, "public service vehicle" means (1) a commercial motor vehicle
3 equipped with a garbage compactor, a detachable container or a
4 curbside recycling body, or (2) a tank vehicle.

5 (b) Except as provided in sections 14-233 and 14-234 of the general
6 statutes, the driver of a vehicle overtaking and proceeding in the same
7 direction of a public service vehicle that is stationary or traveling
8 significantly below the posted speed limit shall immediately reduce
9 speed to a reasonable level below the posted speed limit and pass to the
10 left of such public service vehicle at a safe distance. The driver shall not
11 again drive to the right side of the highway until safely clear of such
12 public service vehicle.

13 (c) Violation of any provision of this section shall be an infraction.

14 Sec. 2. Subdivision (1) of section 14-212 of the 2020 supplement to the

15 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
16 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2020*):

17 (1) The following terms shall be construed as they are defined in
18 section 14-1: "Authorized emergency vehicle", "class 1 electric bicycle",
19 "class 2 electric bicycle", "class 3 electric bicycle", "commissioner",
20 "driver", "electric bicycle", "electric foot scooter", "fuels", "gross weight",
21 "head lamp", "high-mileage vehicle", "highway", "light weight", "limited
22 access highway", "maintenance vehicle", "motor bus", "motorcycle",
23 "motor vehicle registration", "nonresident", "nonskid device", "number
24 plate", "officer", "operator", "owner", "passenger motor vehicle",
25 "passenger and commercial motor vehicle", "person", "pneumatic tires",
26 "pole trailer", "registration", "registration number", "second offense",
27 "semitrailer", "shoulder", "solid tires", "stop", "subsequent offense", "tail
28 lamp", "tank vehicle", "tractor", "tractor-trailer unit", "trailer", "truck"
29 and "vanpool vehicle";

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2020</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2020</i>	14-212(1)

Statement of Purpose:

To require motor vehicle operators to slow down when passing a garbage truck, recycling truck or tank vehicle.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]