

FIRST REGULAR SESSION
HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 108
99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To repeal section 304.044, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to a connected vehicle technology testing program for trucks, with penalty provisions.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 304.044, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 304.044, to read as follows:

304.044. 1. The following terms as used in this section shall mean:

(1) "Bus", any vehicle or motor car designed and used for the purpose of carrying more than seven persons;

(2) "Truck", any vehicle, machine, tractor, trailer or semitrailer, or any combination thereof, propelled or drawn by mechanical power and designed or used in the transportation of property upon the highways.

2. The driver of any truck or bus, when traveling upon a public highway of this state outside of a business or residential district, shall not follow within three hundred feet of another such vehicle; provided, the provisions of this section shall not be construed to prevent the overtaking and passing, by any such truck or bus, of another similar vehicle.

3. Any person who shall violate the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a class C misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished accordingly.

4. This section and section 304.017 shall not apply to a connected vehicle technology testing program that uses networked wireless communication among vehicles, infrastructure, or communications devices. Any connected vehicle technology testing program shall be limited to the operation of trucks on the public highways of this state and shall be approved by the state highways and transportation commission before such technology shall be used in Missouri. Any connected vehicle technology testing program

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

19 shall be further limited to operating multiple or single pairs of no more than two vehicles
20 in a single convoy or formation. Each commercial motor vehicle in a pair, convoy, or
21 formation shall have an appropriately endorsed driver who holds a valid commercial
22 driver's license present behind the wheel.

23 **5. The highways and transportation commission is authorized to promulgate**
24 **administrative rules that are reasonable and necessary to approve and implement a**
25 **connected vehicle technology testing program including designated highways and hours**
26 **of operation for vehicles in the testing program. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term**
27 **is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section**
28 **shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of**
29 **chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are**
30 **nonseverable, and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to**
31 **chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are**
32 **subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule**
33 **proposed or adopted after August 28, 2017, shall be invalid and void.**

34 **6. Pursuant to section 23.253, of the Missouri sunset act:**

35 **(1) The provisions of the connected vehicle technology testing program authorized**
36 **under subsections 4 and 5 of this section shall automatically sunset six years after the**
37 **effective date of this section unless reauthorized by an act of the general assembly; and**

38 **(2) If such program is reauthorized, the connected vehicle technology testing**
39 **program authorized under subsections 4 and 5 of this section shall automatically sunset**
40 **twelve years after the effective date of the reauthorization of this section; and**

41 **(3) Subsections 4 and 5 of this section shall terminate on September first of the**
42 **calendar year immediately following the calendar year in which the connected vehicle**
43 **technology testing program authorized under subsections 4 and 5 of this section is sunset.**

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