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HOUSE BILL NO. 1068

Introduced by: Representatives Duvall, Chase, Finck, Lesmeister, Peterson (Kent), Qualm, Schoenfish, and Zikmund and Senators Monroe, Blare, Ewing, Nesiba, Novstrup, and Schoenbeck

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to authorize the Transportation Commission to promulgate
2 rules to allow certain motor vehicles to follow another motor vehicle on a state highway
3 more closely than otherwise permitted by law.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

5 Section 1. That chapter 32-26 be amended by adding a NEW SECTION to read:

6 The Transportation Commission shall promulgate rules, pursuant to chapter 1-26, to
7 authorize the testing and operation of groups of individual motor vehicles traveling in a unified
8 manner at electronically coordinated speeds and distance intervals that are closer than otherwise
9 allowed under §§ 32-26-40 to 32-26-42, inclusive. The commission may include in the rules:

- 10 (1) The procedures for the requesting and granting of authority for testing and operation;
- 11 (2) A fee, not to exceed one hundred dollars, to cover the administrative costs of granting
12 authority for testing and operation;
- 13 (3) Reporting requirements;
- 14 (4) Authorized routes;



- 1 (5) Authorized times and periods of operation;
- 2 (6) Authorized vehicle types;
- 3 (7) Required vehicle markings;
- 4 (8) Driver requirements;
- 5 (9) Prohibited use related to weather, highway conditions, special events, traffic
- 6 incidents, emergencies or other contingencies; and
- 7 (10) Any speed, size, and operational restrictions the commission deems appropriate.