

1 S.276

2 Introduced by Senator Bartlett

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Motor vehicles; stopping; passing; draft animals; livestock

6 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to require motor vehicles to stop
7 when approaching farm animals under certain conditions, to allow animals to
8 pass when traveling in an opposite direction, and to use caution in passing
9 when traveling in the same direction.

10 An act relating to operating in the presence of draft animals and livestock

11 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

12 Sec. 1. 23 V.S.A. § 1127 is amended to read:

13 § 1127. ~~CONTROL OPERATING IN PRESENCE OF HORSES AND~~

14 ~~CATTLE~~ DRAFT ANIMALS AND LIVESTOCK

15 (a) Whenever upon a ~~public~~ highway and approaching a ~~vehicle drawn by a~~
16 ~~horse or other draft animal, or approaching a horse or~~ other draft animal upon
17 ~~which a person is riding, or livestock,~~ the operator of a motor vehicle shall
18 operate the vehicle in such a manner as to exercise every reasonable precaution
19 to prevent ~~the~~ frightening of ~~such horse or~~ the animal and to ~~insure~~ ensure the
20 safety and protection of ~~the~~ any person riding, herding, or driving the animal.

1 The operator shall stop the vehicle and turn off the ignition immediately if the
2 animal appears to be frightened and if the person in charge of the animal
3 signals the operator to do so.

4 (b) ~~The operator of a motor vehicle shall yield to any cattle, sheep, or goats~~
5 ~~which are being herded on or across a highway~~ If traveling in the opposite
6 direction of a horse, other draft animal, or livestock traveling or being led,
7 ridden, or driven, the operator of a motor vehicle shall keep the vehicle
8 stationary for a reasonable period to allow the animal to pass, or, if traveling in
9 the same direction, the operator shall use reasonable caution in passing the
10 animal.