

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 BILL NO. 2629

By: Echols of the House

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7 An Act relating to motor vehicles; amending 47 O.S.
8 2011, Section 11-314, as amended by Section 1,
9 Chapter 114, O.S.L. 2015 (47 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section
10 11-314), which relates to the approach of stationary
11 authorized vehicles; requiring drivers to proceed
12 with caution upon approach of tow trucks displaying
13 amber flashing lamps; and providing an effective
14 date.

15 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

16 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 11-314, as
17 amended by Section 1, Chapter 114, O.S.L. 2015 (47 O.S. Supp. 2018,
18 Section 11-314), is amended to read as follows:

19 Section 11-314. A. The driver of a motor vehicle, upon
20 approaching a stationary authorized emergency vehicle, a Department
21 of Transportation maintenance vehicle, a Turnpike Authority
22 maintenance vehicle, or a licensed Class AA wrecker that is
23 displaying a flashing amber light, a combination red or blue light
24 or any combination of amber, red or blue lights, shall:

1 1. If traveling on a highway that consists of two or more lanes
2 that carry traffic in the same direction of travel as that of the
3 driver, the driver shall proceed with due caution and shall, if
4 possible and with due regard to the road, weather, and traffic
5 conditions, change lanes into a lane that is not adjacent to the
6 stationary authorized emergency vehicle, a Department of
7 Transportation maintenance vehicle, a Turnpike Authority maintenance
8 vehicle, or licensed Class AA wrecker; or if the driver is not able
9 to change lanes or if to do so would be unsafe, the driver shall
10 proceed with due caution and reduce the speed of the motor vehicle
11 to a safe speed for the existing road, weather, and traffic
12 conditions; and

13 2. If traveling on a highway other than a highway described in
14 paragraph 1 of this subsection, the driver shall proceed with due
15 caution and reduce the speed of the motor vehicle to a safe speed
16 for the existing road, weather, and traffic conditions.

17 B. This section does not relieve the operator of a stationary
18 authorized emergency vehicle, a Department of Transportation
19 maintenance vehicle, a Turnpike Authority maintenance vehicle, or
20 licensed Class AA wrecker from the consequences of reckless
21 disregard for the safety of all persons and property upon the
22 highway.

23 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.
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1 Passed the House of Representatives the 7th day of March, 2019.

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of Representatives

5 Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2019.

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