

HOUSE _____ **AMENDMENT NO.** ____

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1 AMEND Senate Bill No. 611, Page 1, Section A, Line 2, by inserting after all of said line the
2 following:

3 “304.022. 1. Upon the immediate approach of an emergency vehicle giving audible signal
4 by siren or while having at least one lighted lamp exhibiting red light visible under normal
5 atmospheric conditions from a distance of five hundred feet to the front of such vehicle or a
6 flashing blue light authorized by section 307.175, the driver of every other vehicle shall yield the
7 right-of-way and shall immediately drive to a position parallel to, and as far as possible to the
8 right of, the traveled portion of the highway and thereupon stop and remain in such position until
9 such emergency vehicle has passed, except when otherwise directed by a police or traffic officer.

10 2. Upon approaching a stationary emergency vehicle displaying lighted red or red and
11 blue lights, or a stationary vehicle owned by the state highways and transportation commission
12 and operated by an authorized employee of the department of transportation displaying lighted
13 amber or amber and white lights, the driver of every motor vehicle shall:

14 (1) Proceed with caution and yield the right-of-way, if possible with due regard to safety
15 and traffic conditions, by making a lane change into a lane not adjacent to that of the stationary
16 vehicle, if on a roadway having at least four lanes with not less than two lanes proceeding in the
17 same direction as the approaching vehicle; or

18 (2) Proceed with due caution and reduce the speed of the vehicle, maintaining a safe speed
19 for road conditions, if changing lanes would be unsafe or impossible.

20 3. The motorman of every streetcar shall immediately stop such car clear of any
21 intersection and keep it in such position until the emergency vehicle has passed, except as

1 otherwise directed by a police or traffic officer.

2 4. An "emergency vehicle" is a vehicle of any of the following types:

3 (1) A vehicle operated by the state highway patrol, the state water patrol, the Missouri
4 capitol police, a conservation agent, or a state park ranger, those vehicles operated by enforcement
5 personnel of the state highways and transportation commission, police or fire department, sheriff,
6 constable or deputy sheriff, federal law enforcement officer authorized to carry firearms and to
7 make arrests for violations of the laws of the United States, traffic officer or coroner or by a
8 privately owned emergency vehicle company;

9 (2) A vehicle operated as an ambulance or operated commercially for the purpose of
10 transporting emergency medical supplies or organs;

11 (3) Any vehicle qualifying as an emergency vehicle pursuant to section 307.175;

12 (4) Any wrecker, or tow truck or a vehicle owned and operated by a public utility or
13 public service corporation while performing emergency service;

14 (5) Any vehicle transporting equipment designed to extricate human beings from the
15 wreckage of a motor vehicle;

16 (6) Any vehicle designated to perform emergency functions for a civil defense or
17 emergency management agency established pursuant to the provisions of chapter 44;

18 (7) Any vehicle operated by an authorized employee of the department of corrections
19 who, as part of the employee's official duties, is responding to a riot, disturbance, hostage
20 incident, escape or other critical situation where there is the threat of serious physical injury or
21 death, responding to mutual aid call from another criminal justice agency, or in accompanying an
22 ambulance which is transporting an offender to a medical facility;

23 (8) Any vehicle designated to perform hazardous substance emergency functions
24 established pursuant to the provisions of sections 260.500 to 260.550;

25 (9) Any vehicle owned by the state highways and transportation commission and operated
26 by an authorized employee of the department of transportation that is marked as a department of

1 transportation emergency response or motorist assistance vehicle.

2 5. (1) The driver of any vehicle referred to in subsection 4 of this section shall not sound
3 the siren thereon or have the front red lights or blue lights on except when such vehicle is
4 responding to an emergency call or when in pursuit of an actual or suspected law violator, or when
5 responding to, but not upon returning from, a fire.

6 (2) The driver of an emergency vehicle may:

7 (a) Park or stand irrespective of the provisions of sections 304.014 to 304.025;

8 (b) Proceed past a red or stop signal or stop sign, but only after slowing down as may be
9 necessary for safe operation;

10 (c) Exceed the prima facie speed limit so long as the driver does not endanger life or
11 property;

12 (d) Disregard regulations governing direction of movement or turning in specified
13 directions.

14 (3) The exemptions granted to an emergency vehicle pursuant to subdivision (2) of this
15 subsection shall apply only when the driver of any such vehicle while in motion sounds audible
16 signal by bell, siren, or exhaust whistle as may be reasonably necessary, and when the vehicle is
17 equipped with at least one lighted lamp displaying a red light or blue light visible under normal
18 atmospheric conditions from a distance of five hundred feet to the front of such vehicle.

19 6. No person shall purchase an emergency light as described in this section without
20 furnishing the seller of such light an affidavit stating that the light will be used exclusively for
21 emergency vehicle purposes.

22 7. Violation of this section shall be deemed a class A misdemeanor.”; and

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24 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references
25 accordingly.