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Introduced by Representatives Masland of Thetford, Christie of Hartford,  
Russell of Rutland City, and Zagar of Barnard

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Motor vehicles; speed; slow-moving vehicles

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to define what is  
a slow-moving vehicle, and what constitutes impeding other traffic, for  
purposes of an existing law requiring slow-moving vehicles that impede other  
traffic to pull off the highway at the first opportunity.

An act relating to slow-moving vehicles

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

Sec. 1. 23 V.S.A. § 1082 is amended to read:

§ 1082. SLOW-MOVING VEHICLES

(a) As used in this section:

(1) “Slow-moving vehicle” means a vehicle that is proceeding at a rate  
of speed less than the normal flow of traffic at the particular time and place,  
but does not include a vehicle proceeding at or above the applicable speed  
limit.

1           (2) “Vehicle that impedes other traffic on a highway” means a  
2           slow-moving vehicle behind which five or more vehicles are formed in a line.

3           (b) All slow-moving vehicles shall keep at all times as close to the  
4           right-hand side of the highway as is reasonably practicable.

5           (c) A person operating a ~~motor~~ vehicle ~~which~~ that impedes other traffic on  
6           a highway shall pull off the highway at the first opportunity when it is lawful  
7           to do so in order to allow the traffic to pass before proceeding.

8           Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

9           This act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.