

1 H.748

2 Introduced by Representatives Briglin of Thetford, Masland of Thetford, and
3 Anthony of Barre City

4 Referred to Committee on

5 Date:

6 Subject: Motor vehicles; transportation; move over law

7 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to amend the
8 law requiring motor vehicles to move over when approaching stationary law
9 enforcement and emergency vehicles to apply in more instances and require
10 the operator of the approaching vehicle to slow down if it is not possible to
11 change lanes.

12 An act relating to requiring motor vehicles to move over when approaching
13 stationary law enforcement and emergency vehicles

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

15 Sec. 1. 23 V.S.A. § 1050(b) is amended to read:

16 (b) The operator of a vehicle ~~which is~~ approaching a stationary law
17 enforcement vehicle ~~which is~~ displaying a blue or blue and white signal lamp;
18 ~~or of a vehicle which is approaching~~ a stationary ambulance, fire apparatus, a
19 vehicle operated by a volunteer firefighter, or a motor vehicle used in rescue
20 operations as set forth in section 1252 of this title ~~which is~~ displaying a red or

1 red and white signal lamp; or a stationary towing and repair vehicle, road
2 maintenance vehicle, or utility maintenance vehicle displaying an amber signal
3 lamp; shall proceed with caution; and, if traveling on a ~~four-lane~~ multi-lane
4 highway; and ~~safety~~ traffic and roadway conditions permit, ~~make a lane change~~
5 shall move to or remain in a lane that is not adjacent to the stationary vehicle.
6 If the operator of the approaching vehicle must remain in the lane adjacent to
7 the stationary vehicle, then the operator shall reduce speed to not greater than
8 20 miles per hour below the posted speed limit.

9 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

10 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2020.