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March 24, 2015

ENGROSSED HOUSE

BILL NO. 1113

By: Hoskin and Sherrer of the
House

and

Paddack of the Senate

An Act relating to motor vehicles; amending 47 O.S. 2011, Section 11-314, which relates to approaching emergency vehicles on the roadway; requiring certain caution be taken when approaching certain maintenance vehicles; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 11-314, is amended to read as follows:

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

1. If traveling on a highway that consists of two or more lanes that carry traffic in the same direction of travel as that of the

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

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

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

21 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2015.

22 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
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