

An Act

ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 189

By: Jech of the Senate

and

Newton of the House

An Act relating to motor vehicles; amending 47 O.S. 2011, Section 11-310, which relates to following too closely; providing for certain exceptions; defining certain term; updating statutory language; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

SUBJECT: Motor vehicle platoons

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 11-310, is amended to read as follows:

Section 11-310. (a) The driver of a motor vehicle shall not follow another vehicle more closely than is reasonable and prudent, having due regard for the speed of such vehicles and the traffic upon and the condition of the highway.

(b) The driver of any truck or motor vehicle drawing another vehicle when traveling upon a roadway outside of a business or residential district and which is following another truck or motor vehicle drawing another vehicle shall, whenever conditions permit, leave sufficient space so that an overtaking vehicle may enter and occupy such space without danger, except that this shall not prevent a motor truck or motor vehicle drawing another vehicle from overtaking and passing any like vehicle or another vehicle.

(c) No vehicle which has more than six tires in contact with the road shall approach from the rear of another vehicle which has more than six tires in contact with the road closer than three hundred (300) feet except when passing ~~such said~~ the vehicle.

(d) Motor vehicles being driven upon any roadway outside of a business or residential district in a caravan or motorcade, whether or not towing other vehicles, shall be so operated as to allow sufficient space between each such vehicle or combination of vehicles so as to enable any other vehicle to enter and occupy such space without danger. The distance between such vehicles shall be a minimum of two hundred (200) feet under all conditions. This provision shall not apply to funeral processions.

(e) Subsections (a), (b), (c) and (d) of this section shall not apply to a non-lead vehicle in a platoon, as defined in this section, or the operator thereof, as long as the platoon consists of not more than two motor vehicles.

(f) As used in this section, "platoon" means a group of individual motor vehicles traveling in a unified manner at electronically coordinated speeds at following distances that are closer than would be reasonable and prudent without such coordination.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2019.

SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed the Senate the 4th day of March, 2019.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 24th day of April, 2019.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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Governor of the State of Oklahoma

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