

MOVE-OVER LAW

Law Promotes Roadside Safety for Emergency Responders

Act 2006-546
Effective July 1, 2006

ENROLLED, An Act,

Relating to motor vehicles; to require a motorist approaching a stationary authorized emergency vehicle in specified circumstances to yield the right-of-way by making a lane change into a lane not adjacent to that of the authorized emergency vehicle.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. (a) A motorist approaching a stationary authorized emergency vehicle that is displaying flashing emergency lights shall yield the right-of-way by making a lane change into a lane not adjacent to that of the authorized emergency vehicle, if possible with due regard to safety and traffic conditions, if on a highway having at least four lanes with not less than two lanes proceeding in the same direction as the approaching vehicle.

(b) If changing lanes would be impossible or unsafe, the motorist shall reduce the speed of the vehicle, maintaining a safe speed for road conditions.

Section 2. This act shall become effective on the first day of the third month following its passage and approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.