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Section

- 1 **Business panel signs.** Amends the requirements of a food business in order to be eligible for a sign under the business logo sign panel program, by deleting the requirement that such a business must serve meals prepared on the premises.
- 2 **Approaching stopped emergency vehicles.** Amends the law that requires vehicles approaching a stopped emergency vehicle to move to a lane away, by requiring the movement to be to the lane farthest away from the stopped emergency vehicle, if possible, and by making the requirement applicable to highways with two lanes in the same direction.

Requires vehicles approaching a stopped emergency vehicle on a highway with more than two lanes in the same direction to safely move so as to leave a full lane between the approaching vehicle and the emergency vehicle, if possible.

Allows a peace officer to issue a citation for violation within four hours of the violation or of receiving a report of the violation. Makes a report from an emergency vehicle crew probable cause for issuance of the citation.
- 3 **Effective date.** Makes sections 1 and 2 effective immediately.