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This bill broadens the “move over law,” which directs motorists to change lanes away from emergency vehicles and other vehicles (including tow trucks, road maintenance, utility, and road construction vehicles) that are stopped on or at the side of the road with emergency or warning lights activated. It requires a driver to slow down when passing the stopped vehicle on a street or highway that only has one lane in the motorist’s direction of travel.

Current law addresses streets and highways in which there are at least two lanes in the same direction of travel, requiring drivers to move over one or more lanes when passing the stopped vehicle, if possible.