

1 AN ACT relating to the operation of a motor vehicle.

2 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 189.930 is amended to read as follows:

4 (1) Upon the approach of an emergency vehicle equipped with, and operating, one (1)
5 or more flashing, rotating, or oscillating red or blue lights, visible under normal
6 conditions from a distance of five hundred (500) feet to the front of such vehicle; or
7 the driver is given audible signal by siren, exhaust whistle, or bell, the driver of
8 every other vehicle shall yield the right-of-way, immediately drive to a position
9 parallel to, and as close as possible to, the edge or curb of the highway clear of any
10 intersection, and stop and remain in such position until the emergency vehicle has
11 passed, except when otherwise directed by a police officer or firefighter.

12 (2) Upon the approach of any emergency vehicle, operated in conformity with the
13 provisions of subsection (1) of this section, the operator of every vehicle shall
14 immediately stop clear of any intersection and shall keep such position until the
15 emergency vehicle has passed, unless directed otherwise by a police officer or
16 firefighter.

17 (3) No operator of any vehicle, unless he or she is on official business, shall follow any
18 emergency vehicle being operated in conformity with the provisions of subsection
19 (1) of this section closer than five hundred (500) feet, nor shall he or she drive into,
20 or park the vehicle into, or park the vehicle within, the block where the vehicle has
21 stopped in answer to an emergency call or alarm unless he or she is directed
22 otherwise by a police officer or firefighter.

23 (4) No vehicle, train, or other equipment shall be driven over any unprotected hose of a
24 fire department when the hose is laid down on any street, private driveway, or track
25 for use at any fire or fire alarm unless the fire department official in command
26 consents that the hose be driven over.

27 (5) **The provisions of subsection (6) of this section shall apply to any driver**~~[Upon]~~

1 approaching a stationary;

2 (a) Emergency vehicle or public safety vehicle, when the emergency vehicle or
3 public safety vehicle is giving a signal by displaying alternately flashing
4 yellow, red, red and white, red and blue, or blue lights; or

5 (b) Disabled vehicle, when the disabled vehicle is displaying some type of
6 warning signal, such as emergency flashers, flares, or retroreflective
7 signals.

8 (6) The driver of a vehicle that is approaching a vehicle described in subsection (5) of
9 this section, ~~a person who drives an approaching vehicle~~ shall, while proceeding
10 with due caution:

11 (a) Yield the right-of-way by moving to a lane not adjacent to that of the ~~the~~
12 ~~authorized emergency~~ vehicle, if:

13 1. The person is driving on a highway having at least four (4) lanes with
14 not fewer than two (2) lanes proceeding in the same direction as the
15 approaching vehicle; and

16 2. ~~If~~ It is possible to make the lane change with due regard to safety and
17 traffic conditions; or

18 (b) Reduce the speed of the vehicle, maintaining a safe speed to road conditions,
19 if the road has less than four (4) lanes or if changing lanes would be
20 impossible or unsafe.

21 (Z)(6) ~~(6)~~ This section does not operate to relieve the person who drives an emergency
22 vehicle from the duty to operate the vehicle with due regard for the safety of all
23 persons using the highway.