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SENATE BILL 16-018

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SENATE SPONSORSHIP

Merrifield,

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

(None),

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Senate Committees

State, Veterans, & Military Affairs

House Committees

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE PROHIBITION ON A SLOW-MOVING MOTOR VEHICLE

102 IMPEDING HIGHWAY TRAFFIC.

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Bill Summary

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)*

The bill prohibits a person driving a motor vehicle from impeding the flow of more than 5 motor vehicles following immediately behind. An impeder must drive in the right-hand lane or pull off the road where it is safe and legal to do so and let the others pass.

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Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.*  
*Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-4-1103, **amend**  
3 (1) and (3) introductory portion as follows:

4 **42-4-1103. Minimum speed regulation.** (1) ~~No person shall~~  
5 ~~drive a motor vehicle on any highway at such a slow speed as to impede~~  
6 ~~or block the normal and reasonable forward movement of traffic, Except~~  
7 ~~when a reduced speed is necessary for safe operation of such~~ THE MOTOR  
8 vehicle or in compliance with law, A PERSON SHALL NOT DRIVE A MOTOR  
9 VEHICLE ON A HIGHWAY AT SUCH A SLOW SPEED AS TO IMPEDE OR BLOCK  
10 THE NORMAL AND REASONABLE FORWARD MOVEMENT OF:

11 (a) TRAFFIC; OR

12 (b) FIVE OR MORE MOTOR VEHICLES FOLLOWING IMMEDIATELY  
13 BEHIND.

14 (3) Notwithstanding any minimum speed that may be authorized  
15 ~~and~~ OR posted pursuant to this section, if any person drives a motor  
16 vehicle on a highway ~~outside an incorporated area or on any~~  
17 ~~controlled-access highway at a speed less than the normal and reasonable~~  
18 ~~speed of traffic under the conditions then and there existing and by so~~  
19 ~~driving at such slower speed impedes or retards the normal and~~  
20 ~~reasonable movement of vehicular traffic following immediately behind,~~  
21 ~~then such~~ IN VIOLATION OF SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION, THE driver  
22 shall:

23 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date -**  
24 **applicability.** (1) This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following  
25 the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the  
26 general assembly (August 10, 2016, if adjournment sine die is on May 11,  
27 2016); except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1

1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section,  
2 or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part  
3 will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election  
4 to be held in November 2016 and, in such case, will take effect on the  
5 date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

6 (2) This act applies to offenses committed on or after the  
7 applicable effective date of this act.