
DIGEST

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Abstract: Authorizes a non-lead motor vehicle in a platoon to follow another motor vehicle in a platoon closely and exempts such vehicles from operating each vehicle with sufficient space between them as to enable any other motor vehicle to enter and occupy such space.

Proposed law defines "platoon" or "platooning" as a group of individual motor vehicles, including any truck, truck-tractor, trailer, semitrailer, or any combination of these vehicles, utilizing vehicle-to-vehicle communication technology to travel in a unified manner at electronically coordinated speeds.

Present law prohibits the driver of a motor vehicle from following another vehicle more closely than is reasonable and prudent and prohibits the driver of a motor truck from following another motor truck within 400 feet when traveling upon a highway outside a business or residential district.

Present law requires that motor vehicles being driven upon any roadway outside of a business or residential district in a caravan or motorcade be operated as to allow sufficient space between each vehicle or combination of vehicles as to enable any other vehicle to enter and occupy such space without danger.

Proposed law changes "residential district" to "residential area" and specifies that the provisions of present law do not apply to non-lead vehicles in a platoon but otherwise retains present law.

Effective Jan. 1, 2019.

(Amends R.S. 32:81(B) and (C); Adds R.S. 32:1(95) and 81(D))