

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 18, 2019

3 SENATE BILL NO. 189

By: Jech

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6 An Act relating to motor vehicles; amending 47 O.S.
7 2011, Section 11-310, which relates to following too
8 closely; providing for certain exceptions; defining
9 certain term; updating statutory language; providing
10 an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

12 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 11-310, is
13 amended to read as follows:

14 Section 11-310. (a) The driver of a motor vehicle shall not
15 follow another vehicle more closely than is reasonable and prudent,
16 having due regard for the speed of such vehicles and the traffic
17 upon and the condition of the highway.

18 (b) The driver of any truck or motor vehicle drawing another
19 vehicle when traveling upon a roadway outside of a business or
20 residential district and which is following another truck or motor
21 vehicle drawing another vehicle shall, whenever conditions permit,
22 leave sufficient space so that an overtaking vehicle may enter and
23 occupy such space without danger, except that this shall not prevent
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1 a motor truck or motor vehicle drawing another vehicle from
2 overtaking and passing any like vehicle or another vehicle.

3 (c) No vehicle which has more than six tires in contact with
4 the road shall approach from the rear of another vehicle which has
5 more than six tires in contact with the road closer than three
6 hundred (300) feet except when passing ~~such said~~ the vehicle.

7 (d) Motor vehicles being driven upon any roadway outside of a
8 business or residential district in a caravan or motorcade, whether
9 or not towing other vehicles, shall be so operated as to allow
10 sufficient space between each such vehicle or combination of
11 vehicles so as to enable any other vehicle to enter and occupy such
12 space without danger. The distance between such vehicles shall be a
13 minimum of two hundred (200) feet under all conditions. This
14 provision shall not apply to funeral processions.

15 (e) Subsections (a), (b), (c) and (d) of this section shall not
16 apply to a non-lead vehicle in a platoon, as defined in this
17 section, or the operator thereof, as long as the platoon consists of
18 not more than two motor vehicles.

19 (f) As used in this section, "platoon" means a group of
20 individual motor vehicles traveling in a unified manner at
21 electronically coordinated speeds at following distances that are
22 closer than would be reasonable and prudent without such
23 coordination.

24 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2019.

1 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
2 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
3 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
4 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

5 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY
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