

LEGISLATIVE BILL 437

Approved by the Governor April 10, 1986

Introduced by Withem, 14

AN ACT relating to rules of the road; to amend section 39-629, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943; to provide restrictions on following distances; and to repeal the original section. Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. That section 39-629, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, be amended to read as follows:

39-629. (1) The driver of a motor vehicle shall not follow another vehicle more closely than is reasonable and prudent, and such driver shall have due regard for the speed of such vehicles and the traffic upon and the condition of the roadway.

(2) The driver of any motor vehicle drawing a trailer, semitrailer, or another vehicle, when traveling upon a roadway outside of a business or residential district, who and which is following another vehicle shall, subject to varying road conditions, leave sufficient space so that an overtaking vehicle may enter and occupy such space without danger and shall not follow another motor vehicle drawing a trailer, semitrailer, or another vehicle more closely than one hundred feet. This subsection shall not prevent another vehicle from overtaking and passing any like vehicle or other vehicle.

(3) The driver of a motor vehicle upon any roadway outside of a business or residential district in a caravan or motorcade, whether or not towing other vehicles, shall operate such vehicle so as to allow sufficient space between each such vehicle or combination of vehicles so as to enable any other vehicle to enter and occupy such space without danger. This subsection shall not apply to funeral processions.

(4) The driver of any motor vehicle when traveling upon a roadway outside of a business or residential district shall not follow any highway maintenance vehicle more closely than one hundred feet, if:

(a) Such highway maintenance vehicle is engaged in plowing snow, removing deposited material from the surface of the road, or spreading salt, sand,

or other material upon the surface of the road or is in motion on or near the traveled portion of a road performing other highway maintenance duties; and

(b) Such highway maintenance vehicle is displaying a flashing amber or white light.

This subsection shall not prevent another vehicle from overtaking and passing any like vehicle or other vehicle.

(5) The driver of any motor vehicle, when traveling upon a roadway outside of a business or residential district, who is following another vehicle displaying flashing amber or white lights shall not follow such vehicle more closely than one hundred feet. This subsection shall not prevent another vehicle from overtaking and passing any other motor vehicle.

Sec. 2. That original section 39-629, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, is repealed.