

SENATE BILL No. 40

By Committee on Transportation

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1 AN ACT regulating traffic; concerning authorized emergency vehicles;
2 amending K.S.A. 8-1530 and repealing the existing section.

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4 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

5 Section 1. K.S.A. 8-1530 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-
6 1530. (a) Upon the immediate approach of an authorized emergency
7 vehicle making use of an audible signal meeting the requirements of
8 ~~subsection (d) of K.S.A. 8-1738(d)~~, and amendments thereto, and visual
9 signals meeting the requirements of K.S.A. 8-1720, and amendments
10 thereto, or of a police vehicle properly and lawfully making use of an
11 audible signal only, the driver of every other vehicle shall do the following
12 unless otherwise directed by a police officer:

13 (1) Yield the right-of-way;

14 (2) immediately drive to a position parallel to and as close as possible
15 to the right-hand edge or curb of the roadway clear of any intersection; and

16 (3) stop and remain in such position until the authorized emergency
17 vehicle has passed.

18 (b) The driver of a motor vehicle upon approaching a stationary
19 authorized emergency vehicle, when the authorized emergency vehicle is
20 making use of visual signals meeting the requirements of K.S.A. 8-1720,
21 ~~and amendments thereto, or subsection (d) of K.S.A. 8-1722(d)~~, and
22 amendments thereto, shall do either of the following:

23 (1) If the driver of the motor vehicle is traveling on a highway that
24 consists of at least two lanes that carry traffic in the same direction of
25 travel as that of the driver's motor vehicle, the driver shall proceed with
26 due caution and, if possible and with due regard to the road, weather and
27 traffic conditions, shall change lanes into a lane that is not adjacent to that
28 of the stationary authorized emergency vehicle; or

29 (2) if the driver is not traveling on a highway of a type described in
30 paragraph (1), or if the driver is traveling on a highway of that type but it
31 is not possible to change lanes or if to do so would be unsafe, the driver
32 shall proceed with due caution, reduce the speed of the motor vehicle and
33 maintain a safe speed for the road, weather and traffic conditions.

34 (c) ~~From and after the effective date of this act and prior to July 1,~~
35 ~~2001, a law enforcement officer shall issue a warning citation to anyone~~
36 ~~violating the provisions of subsection (b).~~

1 ~~(d)~~—This section shall not operate to relieve the driver of an authorized
2 emergency vehicle from the duty to drive with due regard for the safety of
3 all persons using the highway.

4 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 8-1530 is hereby repealed.

5 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
6 publication in the statute book.