_____ BILL NO. _____

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: “AN ACT REVISING LAWS REGARDING AGRICULTURAL VEHICLES; REQUIRING MOTOR VEHICLES TO SLOW DOWN WHEN APPROACHING AN AGRICULTURAL VEHICLE; REQUIRING AN AGRICULTURAL VEHICLE TO MOVE OVER WHEN SAFE TO ALLOW VEHICLES TO PASS; AND PROVIDING A DEFINITION.”

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Slowing down when approaching agricultural vehicles -- definition.** (1) The operator of a moving vehicle when approaching an agricultural vehicle that is traveling in the same direction:

(a) shall cautiously and carefully reduce the vehicle's speed to the speed of the agricultural vehicle; and

(b) may pass the agricultural vehicle when it is safe to do so.

(2) The operator of a moving vehicle when approaching an agricultural vehicle traveling in a different direction shall cautiously and carefully reduce the vehicle's speed to a speed that is one-half the speed of the posted speed limit. If there are multiple lanes of traffic that the operator of a moving vehicle subject to this subsection (2) may be traveling in, the operator shall move out of the lane closest to the center line when it is safe to do so.

(3) The operator of an agricultural vehicle behind which a line of vehicles has formed shall turn off the roadway at the nearest area where a sufficient and safe turnout exists in order to permit the vehicles following it to proceed. If the shoulder of the highway to the right of the slow-moving vehicle is wide enough and is in a condition that allows safe travel, the operator of the slow-moving vehicle may drive onto the shoulder and proceed at a safe speed until the other vehicles have passed.

(4) As used in this section, "agricultural vehicle" means:

(a) a farm tractor as defined in 61-9-102;

(b) an implement of husbandry as defined in 61-1-101;

(c) a self-propelled farm equipment unit;

(d) a combination of farm tractor and towed unit of farm equipment or implement of husbandry; or

(e) a vehicle used for hauling hay, straw, or both.

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Codification instruction.** [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 61, chapter 8, part 3, and the provisions of Title 61, chapter 8, part 3, apply to [section 1].

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