

HOUSE BILL NO. 739

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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 DEFINITIONS."

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

NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Slowing down when approaching agricultural vehicles -- definition**

DEFINITIONS. (1) The operator of a ~~moving-MOTOR~~ vehicle when approaching an agricultural vehicle that is
traveling in the same direction ON A HIGHWAY:

(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~~ WHERE PASSING IS ALLOWED.

(2) The operator of a ~~moving-MOTOR~~ 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-MOTOR~~ 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~~ HIGHWAY 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-AGRICULTURAL~~ vehicle may
drive onto the shoulder and proceed at a safe speed until the other vehicles have passed.

(4) As used in this section, THE FOLLOWING DEFINITIONS APPLY:

(A) ~~"agricultural"~~ AGRICULTURAL vehicle" means:

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9 NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Codification instruction.** [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an

10 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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