

HOUSE BILL NO. 320

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING REQUIREMENTS FOR MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATION WHEN APPROACHING UTILITY VEHICLES OR OTHER VEHICLES DISPLAYING FLASHING LIGHTS; AND AMENDING SECTION 61-8-346, MCA."

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

**Section 1.** Section 61-8-346, MCA, is amended to read:

**"61-8-346. Operation of vehicles on approach of authorized emergency vehicles or law enforcement vehicles -- approaching stationary emergency vehicles or law enforcement vehicles -- reckless endangerment of emergency personnel.** (1) Upon the approach of an authorized emergency vehicle making use of audible and visual signals meeting the requirements of 61-9-402 or of a law enforcement vehicle properly and lawfully making use of an audible signal only, the operator of every other vehicle shall yield the right-of-way and shall immediately drive to a position parallel to, and as close as possible to, the right-hand edge or curb of the roadway clear of any intersection and shall stop and remain in that position until the authorized emergency vehicle or law enforcement vehicle has passed, except when otherwise directed by a police officer or highway patrol officer.

