

The Senate Committee on Public Safety offers the following substitute to HB 206:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Article 1 of Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to uniform rules of the road, so as to provide for procedure for passing sanitation vehicles; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article 1 of Chapter 6 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to uniform rules of the road, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"40-6-16.1.

(a) As used in this Code section, the term 'sanitation worker' means an individual engaged in the collection and transport of residential or commercial solid waste and recyclables as authorized by a county or municipal governing authority.

(b) The operator of a motor vehicle approaching a vehicle with active sanitation workers that is displaying flashing yellow, amber, white, or red lights shall approach the vehicle with due caution and shall, absent any other direction by a peace officer, proceed as follows:

(1) Make a lane change into a lane not adjacent to the vehicle if possible in the existing safety and traffic conditions; or

(2) If a lane change under paragraph (1) of this subsection would be impossible, prohibited by law, or unsafe, reduce the speed of the motor vehicle to a reasonable and proper speed for the existing road and traffic conditions, which speed shall be at least ten miles per hour less than the posted speed limit or five miles per hour, whichever is more, and be prepared to stop.

(c) Violation of subsection (b) of this Code section shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500.00."

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SECTION 2.

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All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.