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March 5, 2003

The Honorable Chester Culver
Secretary of State
State Capitol Building
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

I hereby transmit:

House File 66, An Act requiring motor vehicle operators to take certain precautions when passing stationary utility maintenance or municipal maintenance vehicles and making a penalty applicable.

The above House File is hereby approved this date.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. Vilsack", written over the printed name.

Thomas J. Vilsack
Governor

TJV:jmc

cc: Secretary of the Senate
Chief Clerk of the House





HOUSE FILE 66

AN ACT

REQUIRING MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATORS TO TAKE CERTAIN PRECAUTIONS
WHEN PASSING STATIONARY UTILITY MAINTENANCE OR MUNICIPAL
MAINTENANCE VEHICLES AND MAKING A PENALTY APPLICABLE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

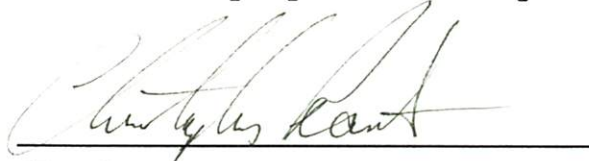
Section 1. Section 321.323A, subsection 2, Code 2003, is amended to read as follows:

2. The operator of a motor vehicle approaching a stationary towing or recovery vehicle, a stationary utility maintenance vehicle, a stationary municipal maintenance vehicle, or a stationary highway maintenance vehicle, that is displaying flashing yellow, amber, or red lights, shall approach the vehicle with due caution and shall proceed in one of the following manners, absent any other direction by a peace officer:

a. Make a lane change into a lane not adjacent to the towing, recovery, utility maintenance, municipal maintenance, or highway maintenance vehicle if possible in the existing safety and traffic conditions.

b. If a lane change under paragraph "a" 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 less than the posted speed limit, and be prepared to stop.



CHRISTOPHER C. RANTS
Speaker of the House



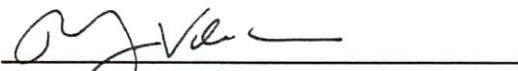
MARY E. KRAMER
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 66, Eightieth General Assembly.



MARGARET THOMSON
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved March 5, 2003



THOMAS J. VILSACK
Governor