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Georgia's Move Over Law—What Drivers Need to Know!

When an emergency vehicle is stopped on the side of a highway with their emergency lights flashing, Georgia's Move Over Law requires motorists to:

- Move over to the next lane, if it is safe to do so, OR
- Slow down below the speed limit, and be prepared to stop.

Georgia Code, Title 40-6-16, effective July 1, 2003

A. The operator of a motor vehicle approaching a stationary authorized emergency vehicle that is displaying flashing yellow, amber, white, red, or blue lights shall approach the authorized emergency 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 authorized emergency 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 less than the posted speed limit, and be prepared to stop.

B. The operator of a motor vehicle approaching a stationary towing or recovery 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, absent any other direction by a peace officer, proceed as follows:

1. Make a lane change into a lane not adjacent to the towing, recovery, or highway maintenance 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 less than the posted speed limit, and be prepared to stop.

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



Georgia's Move Over Law is designed to reduce the number of injuries and fatalities to police officers, paramedics, firefighters, tow truck operators, highway maintenance workers, as well as passing motorists.

Source: Governor's Office of Highway Safety

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