

By Committee on Transportation

AN ACT concerning motor vehicles; relating to utility and telecommunications vehicles; definitions thereof; requiring drivers to yield the right-of-way and move over for authorized utility or telecommunications vehicles; creating a violation thereof; amending K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 8-2118 and repealing the existing section.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

New Section 1. (a) The driver of a vehicle shall not overtake and pass another vehicle when approaching within 100 feet of a stationary authorized utility or telecommunication vehicle.

(b) The driver of a vehicle shall yield the right-of-way to any authorized utility or telecommunication vehicle or pedestrian actually engaged in work on the highway whenever such vehicle displays flashing lights meeting the requirements of K.S.A. 8-1731, and amendments thereto.

(c) The driver of a motor vehicle upon approaching a stationary authorized utility or telecommunication vehicle that is obviously and actually engaged in work upon a highway, when such authorized utility or telecommunication vehicle is displaying flashing lights meeting the requirements of K.S.A. 8-1731, and amendments thereto, shall do either of the following:

(1) If the driver of the motor vehicle is traveling on a highway that consists of at least two lanes that carry traffic in the same direction of travel as that of the driver's motor vehicle, the driver shall proceed with due caution and, if possible and with due regard to the road, weather and traffic conditions, shall change lanes into a lane that is not adjacent to that of the stationary authorized public utility or telecommunication vehicle; or

(2) if the driver is not traveling on a highway of a type described in paragraph (1), or if the driver is traveling on a highway of that type but it is not possible to change lanes or if to do so would be unsafe, the driver shall proceed with due caution, reduce the speed of the motor

vehicle and maintain a safe speed for the road, weather and traffic conditions.

(d) This section shall not operate to relieve the driver of an authorized utility or telecommunication vehicle from the duty to drive with due regard for the safety of all persons using the highway.

(e) As used in this section, authorized utility or telecommunication vehicle means:

(1) a motor vehicle operated by an authorized person as defined in K.S.A. 66-1710, and amendments thereto, for an electric or natural gas public utility as defined in K.S.A. 66-104, and amendments thereto, or a municipal owned utility, when such motor vehicles are utilized for repairs that are needed on electric utility or natural gas equipment to restore necessary services or ensure public safety and is making use of visual signals meeting the requirements of K.S.A. 8-1731; and

(2) a motor vehicle operated by a provider, as defined in K.S.A. 17-1902, and amendments thereto, or a wireless infrastructure provider or a wireless services provider, as defined in K.S.A. 66-2019, and amendments thereto, when such vehicle is utilized for repairs and is making use of visual signals meeting the requirements of K.S.A. 8-1731.

(f) This section shall be a part of and supplemental to the uniform act regulating traffic on highways.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 8-2118 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-2118. (a) A person charged with a traffic infraction shall, except as provided in subsection (b), appear at the place and time specified in the notice to appear. If the person enters an appearance, waives right to trial, pleads guilty or no contest, the fine shall be no greater than that specified in the uniform fine schedule in subsection (c) and court costs shall be taxed as provided by law.

(b) Prior to the time specified in the notice to appear, a person charged with a traffic

infraction may enter a written appearance, waive right to trial, plead guilty or no contest and pay the fine for the violation as specified in the uniform fine schedule in subsection (c) and court costs provided by law. Payment may be made in any manner accepted by the court. The traffic citation shall not have been complied with if the payment is not honored for any reason, or if the fine and court costs are not paid in full. When a person charged with a traffic infraction makes payment without executing a written waiver of right to trial and plea of guilty or no contest, the payment shall be deemed such an appearance, waiver of right to trial and plea of no contest.

(c) The following uniform fine schedule shall apply uniformly throughout the state but shall not limit the fine ~~which~~ that may be imposed following a court appearance, except an appearance made for the purpose of pleading and payment as permitted by subsection (a). The description of offense contained in the following uniform fine schedule is for reference only and is not a legal definition.

<i>Description of Offense</i>	<i>Statute</i>	<i>Fine</i>
Unsafe speed for prevailing conditions	8-1557	\$75
Exceeding maximum speed limit; or speeding in zone posted by the state department of transportation; or speeding in locally posted zone	8-1558 to 8-1560 8-1560a or 8-1560b	1-10 mph over the limit, \$45 11-20 mph over the limit, \$45 plus \$6 per mph over 10 mph over the limit; 21-30 mph over the limit, \$105 plus \$9 per mph over 20 mph over the limit; 31 and more mph over the limit, \$195 plus \$15 per mph over 30 mph over the limit;
Disobeying traffic control device	8-1507	\$75

Violating traffic control signal	8-1508	\$75
Violating pedestrian control signal	8-1509	\$45
Violating flashing traffic signals	8-1510	\$75
Violating lane-control signal	8-1511	\$75
Unauthorized sign, signal, marking or device	8-1512	\$45
Driving on left side of roadway	8-1514	\$75
Failure to keep right to pass oncoming vehicle	8-1515	\$75
Improper passing; increasing speed when passed	8-1516	\$75
Improper passing on right	8-1517	\$75
Passing on left with insuffi- cient clearance	8-1518	\$75
Driving on left side where curve, grade, intersec- tion railroad crossing, or obstructed view	8-1519	\$75
Driving on left in no-passing zone	8-1520	\$75
Unlawful passing of stopped emergency vehicle	8-1520a	\$75
Driving wrong direction on one-way road	8-1521	\$75
Improper driving on laned roadway	8-1522	\$75
Following too close	8-1523	\$75
Improper crossover on di- vided highway	8-1524	\$45
Failure to yield right-of-way at uncontrolled intersection	8-1526	\$75
Failure to yield to approach- ing vehicle when turning left	8-1527	\$75
Failure to yield at stop or yield sign	8-1528	\$75
Failure to yield from private road or driveway	8-1529	\$75
Failure to yield to emergency vehicle	8-1530	\$195
Failure to yield to pedestrian or vehicle working on roadway	8-1531	\$105
Failure to comply with re- strictions in road con-	8-1531a	\$45

struction zone		
Disobeying pedestrian traffic control device	8-1532	\$45
Failure to yield to pedestrian in crosswalk; pedestrian suddenly entering roadway; passing vehicle stopped for pedestrian at crosswalk	8-1533	\$75
Improper pedestrian crossing	8-1534	\$45
Failure to exercise due care in regard to pedestrian	8-1535	\$45
Improper pedestrian movement in crosswalk	8-1536	\$45
Improper use of roadway by pedestrian	8-1537	\$45
Soliciting ride or business on roadway	8-1538	\$45
Driving through safety zone	8-1539	\$45
Failure to yield to pedestrian on sidewalk	8-1540	\$45
Failure of pedestrian to yield to emergency vehicle	8-1541	\$45
Failure to yield to blind pedestrian	8-1542	\$45
Pedestrian disobeying bridge or railroad signal	8-1544	\$45
Improper turn or approach	8-1545	\$75
Improper "U" turn	8-1546	\$75
Unsafe starting of stopped vehicle	8-1547	\$45
Unsafe turning or stopping, failure to give proper signal; using turn signal unlawfully	8-1548	\$75
Improper method of giving notice of intention to turn	8-1549	\$45
Improper hand signal	8-1550	\$45
Failure to stop or obey road crossing signal	8-1551	\$195
Failure to stop at railroad crossing stop sign	8-1552	\$135
Certain hazardous vehicles failure to stop at railroad crossing	8-1553	\$195
Improper moving of heavy	8-1554	\$75

equipment at railroad crossing		
Vehicle emerging from alley, private roadway, building or driveway	8-1555	\$75
Improper passing of school bus; improper use of school bus signals	8-1556	\$315
Improper passing of church or day-care bus; improper use of signals	8-1556a	\$195
Impeding normal traffic by slow speed	8-1561	\$45
Speeding on motor-driven cycle	8-1562	\$75
Speeding in certain vehicles or on posted bridge	8-1563	\$45
Improper stopping, standing or parking on roadway	8-1569	\$45
Parking, standing or stopping in prohibited area	8-1571	\$45
Improper parking	8-1572	\$45
Unattended vehicle	8-1573	\$45
Improper backing	8-1574	\$45
Driving on sidewalk	8-1575	\$45
Driving with view or driving mechanism obstructed	8-1576	\$45
Unsafe opening of vehicle door	8-1577	\$45
Riding in house trailer	8-1578	\$45
Unlawful riding on vehicle	8-1578a	\$75
Improper driving in defiles, canyons, or on grades	8-1579	\$45
Coasting	8-1580	\$45
Following fire apparatus too closely	8-1581	\$75
Driving over fire hose	8-1582	\$45
Putting glass, etc., on highway	8-1583	\$105
Driving into intersection, crosswalk, or crossing without sufficient space on other side	8-1584	\$45
Improper operation of snow-mobile on highway	8-1585	\$45
Parental responsibility of	8-1586	\$45

child riding bicycle		
Not riding on bicycle seat; too many persons on bicycle	8-1588	\$45
Clinging to other vehicle	8-1589	\$45
Improper riding of bicycle on roadway	8-1590	\$45
Carrying articles on bicycle; one hand on handlebars	8-1591	\$45
Improper bicycle lamps, brakes or reflectors	8-1592	\$45
Improper operation of mo- torcycle; seats; passen- gers, bundles	8-1594	\$45
Improper operation of motor cycle on laned roadway	8-1595	\$75
Motorcycle clinging to other vehicle	8-1596	\$45
Improper motorcycle handle- bars or passenger equipment	8-1597	\$75
Motorcycle helmet and eye- protection requirements	8-1598	\$45
Unlawful operation of all-ter- rain vehicle	8-15,100	\$75
Unlawful operation of low-speed vehicle	8-15,101	\$75
Littering	8-15,102	\$115
Disobeying school crossing guard	8-15,103	\$75
Unlawful operation of micro utility truck	8-15,106	\$75
Failure to remove vehicles in accidents	8-15,107	\$75
Unlawful operation of golf cart	8-15,108	\$75
Unlawful operation of work- site utility vehicle	8-15,109	\$75
Unlawful display of license plate	8-15,110	\$60
Unlawful text messaging	8-15,111	\$60
Unlawful passing of a waste collection vehicle	8-15,112	\$45
<u>Unlawful passing of a utility or telecommunications vehicle</u>	<u>section 1</u>	<u>\$105</u>
Equipment offenses that are	8-1701	\$75

not misdemeanors		
Driving without lights when needed	8-1703	\$45
Defective headlamps	8-1705	\$45
Defective tail lamps	8-1706	\$45
Defective reflector	8-1707	\$45
Improper stop lamp or turn signal	8-1708	\$45
Improper lighting equipment on certain vehicles	8-1710	\$45
Improper lamp color on certain vehicles	8-1711	\$45
Improper mounting of reflectors and lamps on certain vehicles	8-1712	\$45
Improper visibility of reflectors and lamps on certain vehicles	8-1713	\$45
No lamp or flag on projecting load	8-1715	\$75
Improper lamps on parked vehicle	8-1716	\$45
Improper lights, lamps, reflectors and emblems on farm tractors or slow-moving vehicles	8-1717	\$45
Improper lamps and equipment on implements of husbandry, road machinery or animal-drawn vehicles	8-1718	\$45
Unlawful use of spot, fog, or auxiliary lamp	8-1719	\$45
Improper lamps or lights on emergency vehicle	8-1720	\$45
Improper stop or turn signal	8-1721	\$45
Improper vehicular hazard warning lamp	8-1722	\$45
Unauthorized additional lighting equipment	8-1723	\$45
Improper multiple-beam lights	8-1724	\$45
Failure to dim headlights	8-1725	\$75
Improper single-beam headlights	8-1726	\$45
Improper speed with alternate lighting	8-1727	\$45

Improper number of driving lamps	8-1728	\$45
Unauthorized lights and signals	8-1729	\$45
Improper school bus lighting equipment and warning devices	8-1730	\$45
Unauthorized lights and devices on church or day-care bus	8-1730a	\$45
Improper lights on highway construction or maintenance vehicles	8-1731	\$45
Defective brakes	8-1734	\$45
Defective or improper use of horn or warning device	8-1738	\$45
Defective muffler	8-1739	\$45
Defective mirror	8-1740	\$45
Defective wipers; obstructed windshield or windows	8-1741	\$45
Improper tires	8-1742	\$45
Improper flares or warning devices	8-1744	\$45
Improper use of vehicular hazard warning lamps and devices	8-1745	\$45
Improper air-conditioning equipment	8-1747	\$45
Improper safety belt or shoulder harness	8-1749	\$45
Improper wide-based single tires	8-1742b	\$75
Improper compression release engine braking system	8-1761	\$75
Defective motorcycle headlamp	8-1801	\$45
Defective motorcycle tail lamp	8-1802	\$45
Defective motorcycle reflector	8-1803	\$45
Defective motorcycle stop lamps and turn signals	8-1804	\$45
Defective multiple-beam lighting	8-1805	\$45
Improper road-lighting equip-	8-1806	\$45

ment on motor-driven cycles		
Defective motorcycle or motor-driven cycle brakes	8-1807	\$45
Improper performance ability of brakes	8-1808	\$45
Operating motorcycle with disapproved braking system	8-1809	\$45
Defective horn, muffler, mirrors or tires	8-1810	\$45
Unlawful statehouse parking	75-4510a	\$30
Exceeding gross weight of vehicle or combination	8-1909	Pounds Overweight up to 1000.....\$40 1001 to 2000.....3¢ per pound 2001 to 5000.....5¢ per pound 5001 to 7500.....7¢ per pound 7501 and over.....10¢ per pound
Exceeding gross weight on any axle or tandem, triple or quad axles	8-1908	Pounds Overweight up to 1000.....\$40 1001 to 2000.....3¢ per pound 2001 to 5000.....5¢ per pound 5001 to 7500.....7¢ per pound 7501 and over.....10¢ per pound
Failure to obtain proper registration, clearance or to have current certification	66-1324	\$287
Insufficient liability insurance for motor carriers	66-1,128 or 66-1314	\$137
Failure to obtain interstate motor fuel tax authorization	79-34,122	\$137
No authority as private or common carrier	66-1,111	\$137
Violation of motor carrier safety rules and regulations, except for viola-	66-1,129	\$115

tions specified in K.S.A. 66-1,130(b)(2), and amendments thereto

(d) Traffic offenses classified as traffic infractions by this section shall be classified as ordinance traffic infractions by those cities adopting ordinances prohibiting the same offenses. A schedule of fines for all ordinance traffic infractions shall be established by the municipal judge in the manner prescribed by K.S.A. 12-4305, and amendments thereto. Such fines may vary from those contained in the uniform fine schedule contained in subsection (c).

(e) Fines listed in the uniform fine schedule contained in subsection (c) shall be doubled if a person is convicted of a traffic infraction, which is defined as a moving violation in accordance with rules and regulations adopted pursuant to K.S.A. 8-249, and amendments thereto, committed within any road construction zone as defined in K.S.A. 8-1458a, and amendments thereto.

(f) For a second violation of K.S.A. 8-1908 or 8-1909, and amendments thereto, within two years after a prior conviction of K.S.A. 8-1908 or 8-1909, and amendments thereto, such person, upon conviction shall be fined $1\frac{1}{2}$ times the applicable amount from one, but not both, of the schedules listed in the uniform fine schedule contained in subsection (c). For a third violation of K.S.A. 8-1908 or 8-1909, and amendments thereto, within two years, after two prior convictions of K.S.A. 8-1908 or 8-1909, and amendments thereto, such person, upon conviction shall be fined two times the applicable amount from one, but not both, of the schedules listed in the uniform fine schedule contained in subsection (c). For a fourth and each succeeding violation of K.S.A. 8-1908 or 8-1909, and amendments thereto, within two years after three prior convictions of K.S.A. 8-1908 or 8-1909, and amendments thereto, such person, upon conviction shall be fined $2\frac{1}{2}$ times the applicable amount from one, but not both, of the schedules listed in the uniform fine schedule contained in subsection (c).

(g) Fines listed in the uniform fine schedule contained in subsection (c) relating to exceeding the maximum speed limit, shall be doubled if a person is convicted of exceeding the maximum speed limit in a school zone authorized under K.S.A. 8-1560(a)(4), and amendments thereto.

(h) For a second violation of K.S.A. 8-1556, and amendments thereto, within five years after a prior conviction of K.S.A. 8-1556, and amendments thereto, such person, upon conviction, shall be fined \$750 for the second violation. For a third and each succeeding violation of K.S.A. 8-1556, and amendments thereto, within five years after two prior convictions of K.S.A. 8-1556, and amendments thereto, such person, upon conviction, shall be fined \$1,000 for the third and each succeeding violation.

Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 8-2118 is hereby repealed.

Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.