

CHAPTER 86

MOTOR VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC REGULATION

HOUSE BILL 09-1236

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also SENATOR(S) Hodge.

AN ACT

CONCERNING THE DISTANCE AT WHICH AN OPERATOR OF A MOTOR VEHICLE SHALL STOP WHEN A SCHOOL BUS SIGNALS A STOP.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. 42-4-1903 (1) (a), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

42-4-1903. School buses - stops - signs - passing. (1) (a) The driver of a MOTOR vehicle upon any highway, road, or street, upon meeting or overtaking from either direction any school bus ~~which~~ THAT has stopped, shall stop the vehicle AT LEAST TWENTY FEET before reaching ~~such~~ THE school bus if ~~there are in operation on said school bus~~ visual signal lights as specified in subsection (2) of this section ~~and said~~ HAVE BEEN ACTUATED ON THE SCHOOL BUS. THE driver shall not proceed until the visual signal lights are no longer being actuated. ~~but, in the case of small passenger-type vehicles operated as school buses having a seating capacity of not more than fifteen, no such visual signal lights need be displayed or actuated~~ THE DRIVER OF A MOTOR VEHICLE SHALL STOP WHEN A SCHOOL BUS THAT IS NOT REQUIRED TO BE EQUIPPED WITH VISUAL SIGNAL LIGHTS BY SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION STOPS TO RECEIVE OR DISCHARGE SCHOOLCHILDREN.

SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date - applicability. (1) This act shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly that is allowed for submitting a referendum petition pursuant to article V, section 1 (3) of the state constitution, (August 5, 2009, if adjournment sine die is on May 6, 2009); except

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that, if a referendum petition is filed against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part, if approved by the people, shall take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by proclamation of the governor.

(2) The provisions of this act shall apply to offenses committed on or after the applicable effective date of this act.

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