

House Bill 206 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Harrell of the 106th, Lumsden of the 12th, Hitchens of the 161st, Rutledge of the 109th, and Holcomb of the 81st

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

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

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

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

10 "40-6-16.1.

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

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

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

20 (2) If a lane change under paragraph (1) of this subsection would be impossible,
21 prohibited by law, or unsafe, reduce the speed of the motor vehicle to a reasonable and
22 proper speed for the existing road and traffic conditions, which speed shall be at least ten
23 miles per hour less than the posted speed limit or 25 miles per hour, whichever is more,
24 and be prepared to stop.

25 (c) Violation of subsection (b) of this Code section shall be punished by a fine of not more
26 than \$250.00."

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SECTION 2.

28 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.