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HOUSE BILL NO. 1072

Introduced by: Representatives Madsen, Elliott, Gillespie, Hennies, Konold, Lintz, and Rave
and Senators Duniphan, Abdallah, Duenwald, Kelly, and Vitter

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to revise certain provisions regarding the operation of
2 vehicles upon the approach of authorized emergency vehicles.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 Section 1. That § 32-31-6.1 be amended to read as follows:

5 32-31-6.1. Upon approaching from any direction any stopped authorized emergency vehicle
6 making use of visual signals meeting the requirements of this chapter, the driver of every other
7 vehicle shall ~~come to a complete stop before he reaches the stopped emergency vehicle and may,~~
8 ~~unless otherwise directed, proceed with caution only after he has ascertained that it is safe to do~~
9 ~~so;~~

10 (1) If driving on an interstate highway or other highway with two or more lanes traveling
11 in the same direction as the emergency vehicle, merge into the lane farthest from the
12 emergency vehicle and proceed with caution, unless otherwise directed; or

13 (2) If driving on a two lane highway, slow to a speed that is at least twenty miles per hour
14 less than the posted speed limit or five miles per hour when the speed limit is posted
15 at twenty miles per hour or less and proceed with caution, unless otherwise directed.



1 A violation of this section is a Class 2 misdemeanor.