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HOUSE BILL 550

45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2001

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AN ACT

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES; REQUIRING THE DRIVER OF A VEHICLE TO YIELD TO AN APPROACHING EMERGENCY VEHICLE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. Section 66-7-332 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1978, Chapter 35, Section 436) is amended to read:

"66-7-332. OPERATION OF VEHICLES ON APPROACH OF AUTHORIZED EMERGENCY VEHICLES. --

A. Upon the immediate approach of an authorized emergency vehicle equipped with at least one lighted lamp exhibiting red light visible under normal atmospheric conditions from a distance of five hundred feet to the front of ~~[such]~~ the vehicle ~~[other than a police vehicle]~~ when operated as an authorized emergency vehicle and when the driver is giving audible signal by siren, exhaust whistle or

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1 bell, the driver of every other vehicle shall yield the right
2 of way and shall immediately drive to a position parallel to,
3 and as close as possible to, the right-hand edge or curb of
4 the roadway clear of any intersection and shall stop and
5 remain in [~~such~~] that position until the authorized emergency
6 vehicle has passed except when otherwise directed by a police
7 officer.

8 B. This section shall not operate to relieve the
9 driver of an authorized emergency vehicle from the duty to
10 drive with due regard for the safety of all persons using the
11 highway. "