



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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BILL SUMMARY

- Requires the classroom and behind-the-wheel instruction that is given to minors in driver education courses to include instruction on the proper driving techniques that noncommercial motor vehicle operators should utilize in order to share the roadway with large commercial motor vehicles safely.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

New required content of the driver education course for minors

Current law requires that the Director of Public Safety must adopt rules governing the classroom and actual behind-the-wheel instruction that all beginning drivers of noncommercial motor vehicles who are under 18 years of age must take and successfully pass in order to be issued a probationary driver's license. The bill specifies that the rules must require both of these types of instruction to include instruction on the proper driving techniques the operator of a noncommercial motor vehicle such as a passenger vehicle should utilize in order to share the roadway with large commercial motor vehicles safely, especially those consisting of a tractor-trailer or tractor-semitrailer combination. The new instruction also must include a review of the stopping distances of such large commercial motor vehicles, the distance a noncommercial motor vehicle operator should maintain when following a large commercial motor vehicle, identification of the blind spots with which large commercial motor vehicle operators must contend, and proper ways and techniques a noncommercial motor vehicle operator should utilize in order to avoid operating the noncommercial motor vehicle in the blind spots of large commercial motor vehicles.¹

¹ R.C. 4508.02(C).

HISTORY

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