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SENATE BILL **315**

AN ACT requiring motorists to give wide berth to highway maintenance vehicles.

SPONSORS: Sen. Rausch, Dist 19; Sen. Boutin, Dist 16; Sen. Stiles, Dist 24; Sen. Kelly, Dist 10; Rep. Packard, Rock 3; Rep. Graham, Hills 18; Rep. Campbell, Hills 24

COMMITTEE: Transportation

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires motorists to give wide berth to highway workers and stationary or moving highway maintenance vehicles displaying amber warning lights.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struck through.~~]
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twelve

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 135:1 Highway Maintenance Vehicles. Amend RSA 265:6-a, II to read as follows:

2 II. The driver of a vehicle shall yield the right-of-way to any authorized vehicle obviously
3 and actually engaged in work upon a highway whenever such vehicle displays emergency lights **or**
4 **amber warning lights** as authorized under RSA 266:78-a through RSA 266:78-q **and shall give**
5 **wide berth, without endangering oncoming traffic, to highway workers and stationary or**
6 **moving vehicles owned by or contracted to state or local highway maintenance**
7 **departments displaying amber warning lights.**

8 135:2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

9 Approved: June 5, 2012

10 Effective Date: June 5, 2012