

HB

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Memorandum

To: Leg. Legal
From: Vanessa Tondini, Committee Aide
House Judiciary Committee
Date: April 27, 2005
Re: CS Request

Please create a final draft House Judiciary Committee Substitute for work order # 24-LS0872A, HB 268, incorporating the attached amendment. The bill was passed out of committee today.

If you have any questions, please call me at 4990.
Thank you!

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Conceptual amendment #1 - PASSED

to HB 268

by Gruenberg

Page 1, Lines 6-7 & Lines 11-12:

Delete "in the act of removing an animal from
the roadway"

Insert "while performing official duties"

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MEMO

To: Representative Lesil McGuire, Chair House Judiciary Committee

Fm: Representative Jay Ramras

Cc:

Date: April 19, 2005, 3:21 PM

Re: Request for hearing of HB 268

Please accept this memo as a request for the House Judiciary Committee to hear House Bill 268, "Relating to overtaking and passing certain stationary vehicles." HB 268 is a bill that works to keep more types of emergency vehicle operators safe when operating in hazardous traffic environments, specifically tow truck and animal control workers.

Thank you in advance for scheduling HB 268 before the Judiciary Committee.

Attachments: Sponsor Statement, HB 268, sectional, current statutes.

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Sponsor Statement

HB 268

HB 268 is a bill that will further clarify the current law regarding drivers passing emergency vehicles that are required to display flashing emergency lights on a highway or roadway. Currently, AS 28.35.125 requires drivers to vacate the lane closest to stopped emergency vehicles. Emergency vehicles, under current law, are police and fire vehicles. HB 268 will change the law to include other vehicles that should be treated with the same amount of caution, specifically tow trucks and animal control vehicles.

HB 268 simply works to make sure that drivers are more cautious when approaching more kinds of emergency situations, especially situations where there is a significant risk of injury to the tow truck operator or animal control specialist.

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Sectional Summary

HB 268/Overtaking and passing certain stationary vehicles

Work Order 24-LS0872\A

Section 1. Currently, the "move over" law applies to emergency police and fire vehicles, which requires drivers to merge into the lane farthest from the vehicles when they are stopped on the highway using their emergency lights. Section one of HB 268 adds both tow trucks and animal control vehicles to the list of vehicles that drivers must "move over" for. HB 268 does not change current statute in regards to the ability of police and fire officials to direct traffic as necessary.