

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

SENATE BILL NO. 923

98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR HEGEMAN.

Read 1st time January 14, 2016, and ordered printed.

ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary.

5867S.011

AN ACT

To repeal section 304.044, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to connected vehicle technology, with an existing penalty provision.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 304.044, RSMo, is repealed and one new section
2 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 304.044, to read as follows:

304.044. 1. The following terms as used in this section shall mean:

2 (1) "Bus", any vehicle or motor car designed and used for the purpose of
3 carrying more than seven persons;

4 (2) "Truck", any vehicle, machine, tractor, trailer or semitrailer, or any
5 combination thereof, propelled or drawn by mechanical power and designed or
6 used in the transportation of property upon the highways.

7 2. The driver of any truck or bus, when traveling upon a public highway
8 of this state outside of a business or residential district, shall not follow within
9 three hundred feet of another such vehicle; provided, the provisions of this section
10 shall not be construed to prevent the overtaking and passing, by any such truck
11 or bus, of another similar vehicle.

12 3. Any person who shall violate the provisions of this section shall be
13 deemed guilty of a class C misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be
14 punished accordingly.

15 4. **This section and section 304.017 shall not apply to a connected**
16 **vehicle technology testing program that uses networked wireless**
17 **communication among vehicles, infrastructure, or communications**
18 **devices. Any connected vehicle technology testing program shall be**
19 **limited to the operation of trucks on the public highways of this state**
20 **and shall be approved by the state highways and transportation**

21 **commission before such technology shall be used in Missouri.**

22 **5. The highways and transportation commission is authorized to**
23 **promulgate administrative rules that are reasonable and necessary to**
24 **approve and implement a connected vehicle technology testing**
25 **program. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in**
26 **section 536.010, that is promulgated pursuant to the authority**
27 **delegated in this section shall become effective only if it has been**
28 **promulgated pursuant to the provisions of chapter 536. This section**
29 **and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with**
30 **the general assembly under chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective**
31 **date or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held**
32 **unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule**
33 **proposed or adopted after August 28, 2016, shall be invalid and void.**

✓

Bill

Copy