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## SUMMARY

Provides that offense of impeding traffic is Class B traffic violation, punishable by maximum fine of \$1,000.

Provides that offense of failure of a slow driver to drive on the right is Class A traffic violation, punishable by maximum fine of \$2,000.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to traffic offenses; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 811.130 and 811.315.

**Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

**SECTION 1.** ORS 811.130 is amended to read:

811.130. (1) A person commits the offense of impeding traffic if the person drives a motor vehicle or a combination of motor vehicles in a manner that impedes or blocks the normal and reasonable movement of traffic.

(2) A person is not in violation of the offense described under this section if the person is proceeding in a manner needed for safe operation.

(3) Proceeding in a manner needed for safe operation includes but is not necessarily limited to:

(a) Momentarily stopping to allow oncoming traffic to pass before making a right-hand or left-hand turn.

(b) Momentarily stopping in preparation of, or moving at an extremely slow pace while, negotiating an exit from the road.

(4) A person is not in violation of the offense described under this section if the person is proceeding as part of a funeral procession under the direction of a funeral escort vehicle or a funeral lead vehicle.

(5) The offense described in this section, impeding traffic, is a Class [D]

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

**B** traffic violation.

**SECTION 2.** ORS 811.315 is amended to read:

811.315. (1) A person commits the offense of failure of a slow driver to drive on the right if the person is operating a vehicle upon a roadway at less than the normal speed of traffic at the time and place and under the conditions then existing and the person fails to drive:

(a) In the right-hand lane available for traffic; or

(b) As close as practicable to the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway.

(2) This section does not apply under any of the following circumstances:

(a) When overtaking and passing another vehicle proceeding in the same direction under the rules governing passing in ORS 811.410 to 811.425.

(b) When preparing to turn left at an intersection, alley or private road or driveway.

(3) The offense described in this section, failure of slow driver to drive on the right, is a Class [B] **A** traffic violation.

**SECTION 3. The amendments to ORS 811.130 and 811.315 by sections 1 and 2 of this 2013 Act apply only to violations of ORS 811.130 and 811.315 that occur on or after the effective date of this 2013 Act.**