

CHAPTER 6

HOUSE BILL No. 2147
(Amended by Chapter 119)

AN ACT regulating traffic; concerning the removal of certain vehicles from highways; amending K.S.A. 8-1603 and 8-1605 and K.S.A. 2008 Supp. 8-2118 and repealing the existing sections.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

New Section 1. (a) Except in the case of an accident involving death or apparent injury of any person, or the transportation of hazardous material, the owner or driver of a vehicle which obstructs the regular flow of traffic on any interstate highway, U.S. highway, or any multilane or divided roadway, shall make every reasonable effort to move the vehicle from the roadway, if, moving the vehicle may be done safely, does not require towing and may be operated under its own power without further damage to the vehicle or the roadway and without endangering other vehicles or persons upon the roadway.

(b) Except in the case of an accident involving death or apparent injury of any person or the transportation of hazardous material, authorized employees or agents of the Kansas department of transportation, Kansas highway patrol or other law enforcement agency without the consent of the driver or owner of the vehicle or property, may require, assist in or cause the removal from the roadway any vehicle, debris or any other property which is obstructing the regular flow of traffic, creating or aggravating an emergency situation or otherwise endangering public safety.

(c) No state, county or municipal agency nor their authorized employees or agents shall be held liable for any damages resulting from the reasonable exercise of authority granted under this section.

(d) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, a driver is required to comply with the applicable provisions of K.S.A. 8-1601 et seq., and amendments thereto.

(e) From and after July 1, 2009, and prior to July 1, 2010, a law enforcement officer shall issue a warning citation to anyone violating subsection (a).

(f) This section shall be part of and supplemental to the uniform act regulating traffic on highways.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 8-1603 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-1603.

(a) The driver of any vehicle involved in an accident resulting only in damage to a vehicle or other property which is driven or attended by any person shall immediately stop such vehicle at the scene of such accident, or as close thereto as possible, but shall forthwith return to and in every event shall remain at the scene of such accident until ~~he or she~~ *such person* has fulfilled the requirements of K.S.A. 8-1604, *and amendments thereto*. Every such stop shall be made without obstructing traffic more than is necessary. Any person failing to stop or comply with ~~said~~ *the* requirements under such circumstances shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be punished as provided in K.S.A. 8-2116, *and amendments thereto*.

(b) *The driver under subsection (a), if possible, shall comply with the provisions of section 1, and amendments thereto.*

Sec. 3. K.S.A. 8-1605 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-1605.

(a) The driver of any vehicle which collides with or is involved in an accident with any vehicle or other property which is unattended, resulting in any damage to such other vehicle or property, shall immediately stop and shall then and there either locate and notify the operator or owner of such vehicle or other property of such person's name, address and the registration number of the vehicle such person was driving, or shall attach securely in a conspicuous place in or on such vehicle or other property a written notice giving such person's name, address and the registration number of the vehicle such person was driving, and without unnecessary delay shall notify the nearest office of a duly authorized police authority. Every such stop shall be made without obstructing traffic more than is necessary. Violation of this section is a misdemeanor.

(b) *The driver under subsection (a), if possible, shall comply with the provisions of section 1, and amendments thereto.*

Sec. 4. K.S.A. 2008 Supp. 8-2118 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-2118. (a) A person charged with a traffic infraction shall, except

as provided in subsection (b), appear at the place and time specified in the notice to appear. If the person enters an appearance, waives right to trial, pleads guilty or no contest, the fine shall be no greater than that specified in the uniform fine schedule in subsection (c) and court costs shall be taxed as provided by law.

(b) Prior to the time specified in the notice to appear, a person charged with a traffic infraction may enter a written appearance, waive right to trial, plead guilty or no contest and pay the fine for the violation as specified in the uniform fine schedule in subsection (c) and court costs provided by law. Payment may be made by mail or in person and may be by personal check. The traffic citation shall not have been complied with if a check is not honored for any reason, or if the fine and court costs are not paid in full. When a person charged with a traffic infraction makes payment without executing a written waiver of right to trial and plea of guilty or no contest, the payment shall be deemed such an appearance, waiver of right to trial and plea of no contest.

(c) The following uniform fine schedule shall apply uniformly throughout the state but shall not limit the fine which may be imposed following a court appearance, except an appearance made for the purpose of pleading and payment as permitted by subsection (a). The description of offense contained in the following uniform fine schedule is for reference only and is not a legal definition.

<i>Description of Offense</i>	<i>Statute</i>	<i>Fine</i>
Refusal to submit to a preliminary breath test	8-1012	\$90
Unsafe speed for prevailing conditions	8-1557	\$60
Exceeding maximum speed limit; or speeding in zone posted by the state department of transportation; or speeding in locally posted zone	8-1558 to 8-1560 8-1560a or 8-1560b	1-10 mph over the limit, \$30 11-20 mph over the limit, \$30 plus \$6 per mph over 10 mph over the limit; 21-30 mph over the limit, \$90 plus \$9 per mph over 20 mph over the limit; 31 and more mph over the limit, \$180 plus \$15 per mph over 30 mph over the limit;
Disobeying traffic control device	8-1507	\$60
Violating traffic control signal	8-1508	\$60
Violating pedestrian control signal	8-1509	\$30
Violating flashing traffic signals	8-1510	\$60
Violating lane-control signal	8-1511	\$60
Unauthorized sign, signal, marking or device	8-1512	\$30
Driving on left side of roadway	8-1514	\$60
Failure to keep right to pass oncoming vehicle	8-1515	\$60
Improper passing; increasing speed when passed	8-1516	\$60
Improper passing on right	8-1517	\$60
Passing on left with insufficient clearance	8-1518	\$60
Driving on left side where curve, grade, intersection railroad crossing, or obstructed view	8-1519	\$60
Driving on left in no-passing zone	8-1520	\$60
Unlawful passing of stopped emergency vehicle	8-1520a	\$60
Driving wrong direction on one-way road	8-1521	\$60
Improper driving on laned roadway	8-1522	\$60
Following too close	8-1523	\$60
Improper crossover on divided highway	8-1524	\$30
<i>Description of Offense</i>	<i>Statute</i>	<i>Fine</i>
Failure to yield right-of-way at uncontrolled intersection	8-1526	\$60
Failure to yield to approaching vehicle when turning left	8-1527	\$60
Failure to yield at stop or yield sign	8-1528	\$60
Failure to yield from private road or driveway	8-1529	\$60
Failure to yield to emergency vehicle	8-1530	\$180
Failure to yield to pedestrian or vehicle working on roadway	8-1531	\$90
Failure to comply with restrictions in road construction zone	8-1531a	\$30
Disobeying pedestrian traffic control device	8-1532	\$30
Failure to yield to pedestrian in crosswalk; pedestrian suddenly entering roadway; passing vehicle stopped for pedestrian at crosswalk	8-1533	\$60
Improper pedestrian crossing	8-1534	\$30
Failure to exercise due care in regard to pedestrian	8-1535	\$30
Improper pedestrian movement in crosswalk	8-1536	\$30

Improper use of roadway by pedestrian	8-1537	\$30
Soliciting ride or business on roadway	8-1538	\$30
Driving through safety zone	8-1539	\$30
Failure to yield to pedestrian on sidewalk	8-1540	\$30
Failure of pedestrian to yield to emergency vehicle	8-1541	\$30
Failure to yield to blind pedestrian	8-1542	\$30
Pedestrian disobeying bridge or railroad signal	8-1544	\$30
Improper turn or approach	8-1545	\$60
Improper "U" turn	8-1546	\$60
Unsafe starting of stopped vehicle	8-1547	\$30
Unsafe turning or stopping, failure to give proper signal; using turn signal unlawfully	8-1548	\$60
Improper method of giving notice of intention to turn	8-1549	\$30
Improper hand signal	8-1550	\$30
Failure to stop or obey railroad crossing signal	8-1551	\$180
Failure to stop at railroad crossing stop sign	8-1552	\$120
Certain hazardous vehicles failure to stop at railroad crossing	8-1553	\$180
Improper moving of heavy equipment at railroad crossing	8-1554	\$60
Vehicle emerging from alley, private roadway, building or driveway	8-1555	\$60
Improper passing of school bus; improper use of school bus signals	8-1556	\$300
Improper passing of church or day-care bus; improper use of signals	8-1556a	\$180
Impeding normal traffic by slow speed	8-1561	\$30
Speeding on motor-driven cycle	8-1562	\$60
Speeding in certain vehicles or on posted bridge	8-1563	\$30
<i>Description of Offense</i>	<i>Statute</i>	<i>Fine</i>
Improper stopping, standing or parking on roadway	8-1569	\$30
Parking, standing or stopping in prohibited area	8-1571	\$30
Improper parking	8-1572	\$30
Unattended vehicle	8-1573	\$30
Improper backing	8-1574	\$30
Driving on sidewalk	8-1575	\$30
Driving with view or driving mechanism obstructed	8-1576	\$30
Unsafe opening of vehicle door	8-1577	\$30
Riding in house trailer	8-1578	\$30
Improper driving in defiles, canyons, or on grades	8-1579	\$30
Coasting	8-1580	\$30
Following fire apparatus too closely	8-1581	\$60
Driving over fire hose	8-1582	\$30
Putting glass, etc., on highway	8-1583	\$90
Driving into intersection, crosswalk, or crossing without sufficient space on other side	8-1584	\$30
Improper operation of snowmobile on highway	8-1585	\$30
Parental responsibility of child riding bicycle	8-1586	\$30
Not riding on bicycle seat; too many persons on bicycle	8-1588	\$30
Clinging to other vehicle	8-1589	\$30
Improper riding of bicycle on roadway	8-1590	\$30
Carrying articles on bicycle; one hand on handlebars	8-1591	\$30
Improper bicycle lamps, brakes or reflectors	8-1592	\$30
Improper operation of motorcycle; seats; passengers, bundles	8-1594	\$30
Improper operation of motorcycle on laned roadway	8-1595	\$60
Motorcycle clinging to other vehicle	8-1596	\$30
Improper motorcycle handlebars or passenger equipment	8-1597	\$60
Motorcycle helmet and eye-protection requirements	8-1598	\$30
Unlawful riding on vehicle	8-1578a	\$60
Unlawful operation of all-terrain vehicle	8-15,100	\$60
Unlawful operation of low-speed vehicle	8-15,101	\$60
Littering	8-15,102	\$100
Disobeying school crossing guard	8-15,103	\$60
Unlawful operation of micro utility truck	8-15,106	\$60
<i>Failure to remove vehicles in accidents</i>	<i>section 1</i>	<i>\$60</i>
Equipment offenses that are not misdemeanors	8-1701	\$60
Driving without lights when needed	8-1703	\$30
Defective headlamps	8-1705	\$30

<i>Description of Offense</i>	<i>Statute</i>	<i>Fine</i>
Defective tail lamps	8-1706	\$30
Defective reflector	8-1707	\$30
Improper stop lamp or turn signal	8-1708	\$30
Improper lighting equipment on certain vehicles	8-1710	\$30
Improper lamp color on certain vehicles	8-1711	\$30
Improper mounting of reflectors and lamps on certain vehicles	8-1712	\$30
Improper visibility of reflectors and lamps on certain vehicles	8-1713	\$30
No lamp or flag on projecting load	8-1715	\$60
Improper lamps on parked vehicle	8-1716	\$30
Improper lights, lamps, reflectors and emblems on farm tractors or slow-moving vehicles	8-1717	\$30
Improper lamps and equipment on implements of husbandry, road machinery or animal-drawn vehicles	8-1718	\$30
Unlawful use of spot, fog, or auxiliary lamp	8-1719	\$30
Improper lamps or lights on emergency vehicle	8-1720	\$30
Improper stop or turn signal	8-1721	\$30
Improper vehicular hazard warning lamp	8-1722	\$30
Unauthorized additional lighting equipment	8-1723	\$30
Improper multiple-beam lights	8-1724	\$30
Failure to dim headlights	8-1725	\$60
Improper single-beam headlights	8-1726	\$30
Improper speed with alternate lighting	8-1727	\$30
Improper number of driving lamps	8-1728	\$30
Unauthorized lights and signals	8-1729	\$30
Improper school bus lighting equipment and warning devices	8-1730	\$30
Unauthorized lights and devices on church or day-care bus	8-1730a	\$30
Improper lights on highway construction or maintenance vehicles	8-1731	\$30
Defective brakes	8-1734	\$30
Defective or improper use of horn or warning device	8-1738	\$30
Defective muffler	8-1739	\$30
Defective mirror	8-1740	\$30
Defective wipers; obstructed windshield or windows	8-1741	\$30
Improper tires	8-1742	\$30
Improper flares or warning devices	8-1744	\$30
Improper use of vehicular hazard warning lamps and devices	8-1745	\$30
Improper air-conditioning equipment	8-1747	\$30
Improper safety belt or shoulder harness	8-1749	\$30
Improper wide-based single tires	8-1742b	\$60
Improper compression release engine braking system	8-1761	\$60
Defective motorcycle headlamp	8-1801	\$30
<i>Description of Offense</i>	<i>Statute</i>	<i>Fine</i>
Defective motorcycle tail lamp	8-1802	\$30
Defective motorcycle reflector	8-1803	\$30
Defective motorcycle stop lamps and turn signals	8-1804	\$30
Defective multiple-beam lighting	8-1805	\$30
Improper road-lighting equipment on motor-driven cycles	8-1806	\$30
Defective motorcycle or motor-driven cycle brakes	8-1807	\$30
Improper performance ability of brakes	8-1808	\$30
Operating motorcycle with disapproved braking system	8-1809	\$30
Defective horn, muffler, mirrors or tires	8-1810	\$30
Unlawful statehouse parking	75-4510a	\$15
Exceeding gross weight of vehicle or combination	8-1909	Pounds Overweight up to 1000 \$25 1001 to 2000 3¢ per pound 2001 to 5000 5¢ per pound 5001 to 7500 7¢ per pound 7501 and over ... 10¢ per pound
Exceeding gross weight on any axle or tandem, triple or quad axles	8-1908	Pounds Overweight up to 1000 \$25 1001 to 2000 3¢ per pound 2001 to 5000 5¢ per pound 5001 to 7500 7¢ per pound 7501 and over ... 10¢ per pound
Failure to obtain proper registration, clearance or to have current certification	66-1324	\$272

Insufficient liability insurance for motor carriers	66-1,128 or 66-1314	\$122
Failure to obtain interstate motor fuel tax authorization	79-34,122	\$122
No authority as private or common carrier	66-1,111	\$122
Violation of motor carrier safety rules and regulations, except for violations specified in subsection (b)(2) of K.S.A. 66-1,130, and amendments thereto	66-1,129	\$100

(d) Traffic offenses classified as traffic infractions by this section shall be classified as ordinance traffic infractions by those cities adopting ordinances prohibiting the same offenses. A schedule of fines for all ordinance traffic infractions shall be established by the municipal judge in the manner prescribed by K.S.A. 12-4305, and amendments thereto. Such fines may vary from those contained in the uniform fine schedule contained in subsection (c).

(e) Fines listed in the uniform fine schedule contained in subsection (c) shall be doubled if a person is convicted of a traffic infraction, which is defined as a moving violation in accordance with rules and regulations adopted pursuant to K.S.A. 8-249, and amendments thereto, committed within any road construction zone as defined in K.S.A. 8-1458a, and amendments thereto.

(f) For a second violation of K.S.A. 8-1908 or 8-1909, and amendments thereto, within two years after a prior conviction of K.S.A. 8-1908 or 8-1909, and amendments thereto, such person, upon conviction shall be fined 1½ times the applicable amount from one, but not both, of the schedules listed in the uniform fine schedule contained in subsection (c). For a third violation of K.S.A. 8-1908 or 8-1909, and amendments thereto, within two years, after two prior convictions of K.S.A. 8-1908 or 8-1909, and amendments thereto, such person, upon conviction shall be fined two times the applicable amount from one, but not both, of the schedules listed in the uniform fine schedule contained in subsection (c). For a fourth and each succeeding violation of K.S.A. 8-1908 or 8-1909, and amendments thereto, within two years after three prior convictions of K.S.A. 8-1908 or 8-1909, and amendments thereto, such person, upon conviction shall be fined 2½ times the applicable amount from one, but not both, of the schedules listed in the uniform fine schedule contained in subsection (c).

(g) Fines listed in the uniform fine schedule contained in subsection (c) relating to exceeding the maximum speed limit, shall be doubled if a person is convicted of exceeding the maximum speed limit in a school zone authorized under subsection (a)(4) of K.S.A. 8-1560, and amendments thereto.

Sec. 5. K.S.A. 8-1603 and 8-1605 and K.S.A. 2008 Supp. 8-2118 are hereby repealed.

Sec. 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.

Approved March 18, 2009.
