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MEMORANDUM

To: House Committee on Transportation
From: Office of Revisor of Statutes
Date: February 27, 2025
Subject: Bill Brief – SB 8

SB 8 requires drivers to proceed with due caution when passing stationary vehicles displaying hazard lights, road flares or caution signals. The bill also creates a new traffic infraction for violating this provision.

Section 1 provides that a driver approaching a stationary vehicle displaying hazard lights, road flares or caution signals, including traffic cones, signs or reflective triangles must take one of two actions. Subsection (a)(1) requires a driver that is traveling on a highway with at least two lanes going in the same direction to change lanes away from the stationary vehicle with regard to road, weather, and traffic conditions. Subsection (a)(2) provides that a driver that is not traveling on a highway with at least two lanes or if changing lanes would be unsafe, then such driver should approach with due caution and reduce speed with regard to road, weather, and traffic conditions.

Section 2 creates a new traffic infraction in the uniform fine schedule for unlawful passing of a stationary vehicle. The fine for this infraction shall be \$75.

The Senate Committee on Transportation recommended the bill favorably for passage with no amendments, and the bill passed the Senate Committee of the Whole 39-0.

The provisions of SB 8, if enacted, would become effective upon publication in the statute book, July 1, 2025.