HOUSE BILL No. 2605

By Committee on Transportation

AN ACT regulating traffic; concerning the platooning of motor vehicles, definition; amending K.S.A. 8-1523 and K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 8-1486 and repealing the existing sections.

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

Sec. 1. "Platoon" means two or more individual motor vehicles traveling in a unified manner at electronically coordinated speeds and following distances that are closer than defined under K.S.A. 8-1523(a), and amendments thereto, without such coordination.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 8-1486 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1. K.S.A. 8-1487 and section 1, and amendments thereto, shall be a part of, and supplemental to, the uniform act regulating traffic on highways.

Sec. 3. K.S.A. 8-1523 is hereby amended to read as follows:

(a) The driver of a motor vehicle shall not follow another vehicle more closely than is reasonable and prudent, having due regard for the speed of such vehicles and the traffic upon and the condition of the highway.

(b) The driver of any truck or motor vehicle drawing another vehicle when traveling upon a roadway outside of a business or residence district and which is following another truck or motor vehicle drawing another vehicle shall leave sufficient space, whenever conditions permit, so that an overtaking vehicle may enter and occupy such space without danger, except that this shall not prevent a truck or motor vehicle drawing another vehicle from overtaking and passing any vehicle or combination of vehicles.

(c) Motor vehicles being driven upon any roadway outside of a business or residence district in a caravan or motorcade, whether or not towing other vehicles, shall be so operated as to allow sufficient space between each such vehicle or combination of vehicles so as to enable any other vehicle to enter and occupy such space without danger. This provision shall not apply to funeral processions.

(d) This section shall not apply to a non-lead vehicle in a platoon that is operated on a four-lane divided highway.

Sec. 4. K.S.A. 8-1523 and K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 8-1486 are hereby
1 repealed.
2 Sec. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
3 publication in the statute book.