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41-6a-711 Following another vehicle -- Safe distance -- Exceptions -- Penalty.

- (1) The operator of a vehicle:
 - (a) may not follow another vehicle more closely than is reasonable and prudent, having regard for the:
 - (i) speed of the vehicles;
 - (ii) traffic upon the highway; and
 - (iii) condition of the highway; and
 - (b) shall follow at a distance so that at least two seconds elapse before reaching the location of the vehicle directly in front of the operator's vehicle.
- (2) Subsection (1)(b) does not apply to:
 - (a) funeral processions or to congested traffic conditions resulting in prevailing vehicle speeds of less than 35 miles per hour; or
 - (b) a connected vehicle technology testing program that uses networked wireless communication among vehicles, infrastructure, or communication devices that is:
 - (i) approved by the Department of Transportation in consultation with the Department of Public Safety; and
 - (ii) conducted outside of an urbanized boundary as defined by the United States Census Bureau.
- (3) The Department of Transportation shall report the results of the testing program conducted under Subsection (2)(b) to the Transportation Interim Committee by no later than October 30 of any year that a testing program is conducted.
- (4) A violation of Subsection (1) is an infraction.