

## HOUSE BILL NO. HB0197

Emergency vehicles-amendments.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Gentile, Berger, Cooper,  
Harshman, Latta, Martin, McMurtrey and Walsh  
and Senator(s) Geis

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to emergency vehicles; modifying  
2 requirements imposed upon establishing roadblocks;  
3 modifying provisions pertaining to the operation of  
4 emergency vehicles as specified; and providing for an  
5 effective date.

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7 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 7-17-103(a)(iii), 31-5-106(a)(ii),  
10 (iii) and (b) and 31-5-610(b) are amended to read:

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12 **7-17-103. Minimum requirements.**

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14 (a) For the purpose of warning and protecting the  
15 traveling public, the following minimum requirements shall

1 be met by peace officers establishing temporary roadblocks  
2 if time and circumstances allow:

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4 (iii) At least one (1) person working a  
5 temporary roadblock shall be in uniform and visible to the  
6 extent visibility does not expose this person to a  
7 significant risk of collision with a vehicle operated by a  
8 suspected violator or other person in a careless or  
9 reckless manner, and at least one (1) vehicle used in a  
10 temporary roadblock shall be clearly marked as a law  
11 enforcement vehicle.

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13 **31-5-106. Authorized emergency vehicles.**

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15 (a) The driver of an authorized emergency vehicle,  
16 when responding to an emergency call or when in pursuit of  
17 an actual or suspected violator of the law or when  
18 responding to but not upon returning from a fire alarm,  
19 may:

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21 (ii) Proceed past a red or stop signal or stop  
22 sign~~;~~, ~~but only after slowing down as may be necessary for~~  
23 ~~safe operation;~~

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1 (iii) Exceed the maximum speed limits; ~~so long~~  
2 ~~as he does not endanger life or property;~~

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4 (b) This section does not relieve the driver of an  
5 authorized emergency vehicle from the duty to ~~drive with~~  
6 ~~due regard for the safety of all persons, nor shall this~~  
7 ~~section protect the driver from the consequences of his~~  
8 ~~reckless disregard for the safety of others~~ exercise  
9 reasonable care and judgment in the operation of an  
10 emergency vehicle.

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12 **31-5-610. Yielding of right-of-way to authorized**  
13 **emergency vehicles.**

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15 (b) This section shall not relieve the driver of an  
16 authorized emergency vehicle from the duty to ~~drive with~~  
17 ~~due regard for the safety of all persons using the highway~~  
18 ~~nor from the duty to exercise due care to avoid colliding~~  
19 ~~with any pedestrian~~ exercise reasonable care and judgment  
20 in the operation of the emergency vehicle.

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22 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2003.

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