georgia's move over law
Move Over... For Safety
(Spencer Pass Law)

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Designed to help protect the lives and safety

- Police Officers
- Fire Fighters
- EMS personnel
- Emergency response professionals
- Highway construction workers
- Tow Operators
- HERO Operators

Requires drivers to Change Lanes or Slow Down when they are in a lane adjacent to a stationary emergency vehicle flashing emergency lights.
What does this mean for you?

If traveling in a lane adjacent to a stationary authorized emergency vehicle with its emergency lights on you are required:

– to change lanes to a non-adjacent lane or

– to slow down to below the posted speed limit and be prepared to stop.
Why was the “Move Over” Law passed?

• It saves lives
• Helps to maintain traffic flow
• Protect the Emergency Personnel and Motorists
• Police officers are killed by traffic crashes
• \(\frac{1}{4}\) of those officers killed are struck by vehicles
• Emergency vehicles are vulnerable to crashes
How does the “Move Over” Law make a difference?

- Reduces secondary crashes
- Provides a buffer lane
- Margin of safety is increased for all
Violation of the “Move Over” Law shall be punished by a fine of not more than $500.00.
WE CAN ALL WORK TOGETHER TO SAVE LIVES.