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**Chapter No.**

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**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

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1 Relating to commercial motor vehicles; and relating to overtaking and passing certain  
2 stationary vehicles.

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4 \* **Section 1.** AS 19.10.300(f)(1) is amended to read:

5 (1) "commercial motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle or a  
6 combination of a motor vehicle and one or more other vehicles

7 (A) used to transport passengers or property for commercial  
8 purposes;

9 (B) used **on** [UPON] a land highway or vehicular way **or area**;

10 [AND]

11 (C) that

12 (i) has a gross vehicle weight rating or gross  
13 combination weight rating greater than 26,000 pounds; or

14 (ii) is designed to transport more than 15 passengers,

1 including the driver; **and**

2 (D) except that the following vehicles meeting the criteria in  
3 (A) - (C) of this paragraph are not commercial motor vehicles:

4 (i) emergency or fire equipment that is necessary to the  
5 preservation of life or property;

6 (ii) **covered** farm vehicles **operating anywhere in the**  
7 **state** [THAT ARE CONTROLLED AND OPERATED BY A  
8 FARMER; USED TO TRANSPORT AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS,  
9 FARM MACHINERY, OR FARM SUPPLIES TO OR FROM THAT  
10 FARMER'S FARM; NOT USED IN THE OPERATIONS OF A  
11 COMMON OR CONTRACT MOTOR CARRIER; AND USED  
12 WITHIN 150 MILES OF THE FARMER'S FARM]; and

13 (iii) vehicles used exclusively for purposes other than  
14 commercial purposes;

15 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 19.10.399(1) is amended to read:

16 (1) "commercial motor vehicle" means a self-propelled or towed  
17 **motor** vehicle

18 (A) used to transport passengers or property for commercial  
19 purposes;

20 (B) used **on** [UPON] a highway or vehicular way **or area**;  
21 [AND]

22 (C) that

23 (i) has a gross vehicle weight rating or gross  
24 combination weight rating, **or gross vehicle weight or gross**  
25 **combination weight, of 10,001 pounds or more** [GREATER THAN  
26 10,000 POUNDS] for vehicles used in interstate commerce and 14,000  
27 pounds **or more** for vehicles used in intrastate commerce; [OR]

28 (ii) is designed to transport more than 15 passengers,  
29 including the driver; **or**

30 (iii) **is used to transport material found by the**  
31 **United States Secretary of Transportation to be hazardous under**

1                    **49 U.S.C. 5103 and is transported in any quantity requiring**  
2                    **placarding; and**

3                    (D) **for the purposes of intrastate commerce;** [EXCEPT  
4 THAT] the following vehicles meeting the criteria in **(A) and (B) and either**  
5 **(C)(i) or (ii)** [(A) - (C)] of this paragraph are not commercial motor vehicles:

6                    (i) emergency or fire equipment that is necessary to the  
7 preservation of life or property;

8                    (ii) **covered** farm vehicles **operating anywhere in the**  
9 **state** [THAT ARE CONTROLLED AND OPERATED BY A  
10 FARMER; USED TO TRANSPORT AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS,  
11 FARM MACHINERY, OR FARM SUPPLIES TO OR FROM THAT  
12 FARMER'S FARM; NOT USED IN THE OPERATIONS OF A  
13 COMMON OR CONTRACT MOTOR CARRIER; AND USED  
14 WITHIN 150 MILES OF THE FARMER'S FARM];

15                    (iii) school buses **used for school bus operations;**

16                    (iv) vehicles owned and operated by the federal  
17 government unless the vehicle is used to transport property of the  
18 general public for compensation in competition with other persons who  
19 own or operate a commercial motor vehicle subject to AS 19.10.310 -  
20 19.10.399, and except to the extent that regulation of vehicles operated  
21 by the federal government is permitted by federal law; and

22                    (v) vehicles used exclusively for purposes other than  
23 commercial purposes;

24 \* **Sec 3.** AS 19.10.399 is amended by adding new paragraphs to read:

25                    (14) "covered farm vehicle" means a straight or articulated vehicle

26                    (A) registered in the state with a license plate or other  
27 designation issued by the state that allows law enforcement officials to identify  
28 it as a farm vehicle;

29                    (B) operated by the owner or operator of a farm or ranch, or an  
30 employee or family member of an owner or operator of a farm or ranch;

31                    (C) used to transport agricultural commodities, livestock,

1 machinery, or supplies to or from a farm or ranch; and

2 (D) not used in for-hire motor carrier operations;

3 (15) "school bus" means a passenger motor vehicle that is designed or  
4 used to carry more than 10 passengers in addition to the driver and that is likely to be  
5 used to transport pre-elementary, elementary, or secondary school students to and  
6 from school;

7 (16) "school bus operations" means the use of a school bus to transport  
8 students and school personnel to and from school.

9 \* **Sec. 4.** AS 28.35.185(a) is amended to read:

10 (a) The driver of a vehicle that approaches a stationary emergency vehicle, fire  
11 vehicle, law enforcement vehicle, tow truck in the act of picking up a vehicle, **vehicle**  
12 **in the act of performing maintenance or road service work,** or animal control  
13 vehicle being used to perform official duties, when the stationary vehicle is displaying  
14 flashing emergency lights on a highway or roadway

15 (1) with two or more lanes traveling in the same direction, unless  
16 otherwise directed by law enforcement or emergency personnel, shall

17 (A) if possible in the existing safety and traffic conditions,  
18 vacate the lane closest to the emergency vehicle, fire vehicle, law enforcement  
19 vehicle, tow truck in the act of picking up a vehicle, **vehicle in the act of**  
20 **performing maintenance or road service work,** or animal control vehicle  
21 being used to perform official duties; or

22 (B) if a lane change under (A) of this paragraph would be  
23 impossible, prohibited by law, or unsafe, slow to a reasonable and prudent  
24 speed considering the traffic, roadway, and weather conditions;

25 (2) with fewer than two lanes traveling in the same direction, unless  
26 otherwise directed by law enforcement or emergency personnel, shall slow to a  
27 reasonable and prudent speed considering the traffic, roadway, and weather  
28 conditions.