

The **Association** report

from the **Capitol**

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Legislation intended to enhance our workers safety was heard this week (Jan. 25) in the Senate Transportation Committee. SB568 would expand Missouri's move over law to include vehicles operated by MoDOT employees.

The bill is sponsored by Sen. Mike Parson of Bolivar. He is a former county sheriff who and has seen first-hand the dangers presented by speeding motorists.

New language presented in SB568 specifically addresses MoDOT vehicles operated by an authorized employee and displaying lighted amber or amber and white lights. Also the bill speaks to MoDOT vehicles that are marked for department emergency response or motorist assist vehicles.

The committee did not vote on the bill at Wednesday's meeting. More information on MoDOT-related legislation is to be discussed Saturday at our Associations meeting in Jefferson City. Representatives from the department's central office have agreed to be present at this meeting to more fully explain their legislative priorities for the 2012 legislative session. More information on their legislative package will be provided in this report in future weeks.

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