



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Patrick M. Gallivan

## Senator Gallivan Introduces Legislation to Increase Penalties for Drivers Who Violate Move Over Law

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Senator Patrick M. Gallivan (R-C-I, Elma) has introduced legislation to amend New York's vehicle and traffic law as it relates to motorists approaching a parked, stopped or standing emergency or hazard vehicle with flashing lights. The bill (S.8196) would increase penalties for those convicted of violating the so-called Move-Over Law, including higher fines and a mandatory six-month revocation of a driver's license when the incident causes serious physical injury or death.

“The Move-Over Law was adopted to help protect police, first responders and other safety personnel while assisting motorists along the side of the road,” Senator Gallivan said.

“Unfortunately, too many drivers ignore the law or are unaware of the rules. In addition to increasing the penalty for those who violate the law, we need to do more to educate drivers about the importance of slowing down and moving over when approaching an emergency vehicle, construction vehicle or tow-truck.”

The legislation also requires the Division of Criminal Justice Services to establish a public information campaign to educate drivers of the seriousness of violating the law and the dangers first responders face on a daily basis.

New York’s Move-Over Law requires drivers to use care, slow down and safely move over when approaching law enforcement vehicles, fire trucks, ambulances, tow trucks, construction and maintenance vehicles stopped along the roadway.

The New York State Troopers PBA and the Empire State Towing and Recovery Association both endorse the legislation.

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### **2017-S8196**

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- ◦ On Floor Calendar Assembly
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Relates to the operation of vehicles when approaching a parked, stopped or standing authorized emergency vehicle or hazard vehicle or vehicle displaying a blue or green light

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In Senate Committee Transportation

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Do you support this bill?