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Senate Bill 465 (as introduced 8-24-23)  
Sponsor: Senator Sam Singh  
Committee: Transportation and Infrastructure

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### **CONTENT**

**The bill would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to prescribe the distances, dependent on speed, that the operator of a vehicle would have to maintain from a snowplow. It also would prescribe a civil infraction for a violation of the distances.**

Specifically, the operator of a vehicle could not follow a snowplow more closely than the following distances, as applicable:

- On a street or highway with a speed limit of more than 35 miles per hour, 200 feet.
- On a street or highway with a speed limit of 35 miles per hour or *less*, 75 feet.

These requirements would not apply when the operator of a vehicle was legally overtaking or passing a snowplow.

If a snowplow had stopped at or in an intersection and the operator of a vehicle that was not a snowplow approached it from the rear, the operator of the vehicle would have to do the following:

- Stop at least 20 feet from the snowplow.
- Remain stopped until the snowplow resumed motion and vacated the intersection.

Proposed MCL 257.643b

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### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Due to the fine for the civil infraction, the bill would potentially increase revenue for the State and local governmental units.

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