

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

**ACT 310 (HB 308)**

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**Havard**

New law defines "platoon" or "platooning" as a group of individual motor vehicles, including any truck, truck-tractor, trailer, semitrailer, or any combination of these vehicles, utilizing vehicle-to-vehicle communication technology to travel in a unified manner at close following distances.

Existing law prohibits the driver of a motor vehicle from following another vehicle more closely than is reasonable and prudent and prohibits the driver of a motor truck from following another motor truck within 400 feet when traveling upon a highway outside a business or residential district.

Existing law requires that motor vehicles being driven upon any roadway outside of a business or residential district in a caravan or motorcade be operated as to allow sufficient space between each vehicle or combination of vehicles as to enable any other vehicle to enter and occupy such space without danger.

New law changes "residential district" to "residential area" and specifies that the provisions of existing law do not apply to non-lead vehicles in a platoon but otherwise retains existing law.

New law authorizes the operation of a platoon if the platoon operator has an operational plan approved by the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections, office of state police, and the Dept. of Transportation and Development.

New law authorizes the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections, office of state police, and the Dept. of Transportation and Development to promulgate rules as necessary to implement the provisions of new law.

New law prohibits the operation of a platoon from being authorized to operate on a two-lane highway.

Effective January 1, 2019.

(Amends R.S. 32:81(B) and (C); Adds R.S. 32:1(95) and 81(D), (E), and (F))