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Subject: Re: Question regarding backing up onto Public Streets

Welcome back, Liz!
I'm attaching the statute below. It's not illegal to back onto a public highway, but any vehicle emerging from a private drive must yield to traffic on the roadway.

If there's a crash, absent extenuating circumstances, the vehicle emerging or backing from a private drive is generally at fault.

I'd be interested to see the elevation and structure of the highway in that area, as well as any potential line of sight issues or visual obstructions.

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108 C. 04.

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Sec. 14-243. Starting or backing vehicle. (a) No person shall move a vehicle which is stopped, standing or parked unless such movement can be made with reasonable safety and without interfering with other traffic, nor without signalling as provided by section 14-244.

(b) No person shall back a vehicle unless such movement can be made with reasonable safety and without interfering with other traffic.

(c) Violation of any of the provisions of this section shall be an infraction.

(1955, S. 1396d; February, 1965, P.A. 448, S. 25; P.A. 75-577, S. 87, 126.)

History: 1965 act added "and without interfering with other traffic" to Subsec. (a); P.A. 75-577 added Subsec. (c).

See Sec. 14-111g re operator's retraining program.

In request to charge, party must employ greater specificity than mere paraphrase of certain portions of statute without hint of their applicability to, or operative effect on, the case. 149 C. 541. Cited. 180 C. 137.

Cited. 3 CA 391.

Cited. 10 CS 68.

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