

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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**A Bill**

HOUSE BILL 1293

By: Representative Vaught

### For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LIGHTING REQUIREMENTS FOR A MOTOR VEHICLE USED AS A WRECKER OR TOW VEHICLE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LIGHTING REQUIREMENTS FOR A MOTOR VEHICLE USED AS A WRECKER OR TOW VEHICLE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

*SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 27-51-905(c), concerning the use of flashing emergency lights by emergency vehicles, is amended to read as follows:*

(c)(1) A motor vehicle used as a wrecker or tow vehicle permitted or licensed under § 27-50-1203 may be equipped with:

(A) ~~amber~~ Amber flashing or rotating emergency or warning lights;

(B) White and red flashing or rotating emergency or warning lights; or

(C) Both:

(i) Amber flashing or rotating emergency or warning lights; and

(ii) White and red flashing or rotating emergency or warning lights.

(2) ~~that~~ The lights authorized under subdivision (c)(1) of this section shall be displayed only during hazardous use in order that other



motorists and the public are aware of the special or hazardous use of the wrecker or tow vehicle and exercise caution in approaching the wrecker or tow vehicle at all time while the ~~amber~~ flashing or rotating emergency or warning lights are in operation.

~~(2)(3)~~ Equipage with or display of ~~amber~~ flashing or rotating emergency or warning lights does not qualify a motor vehicle used as a wrecker or tow vehicle as an emergency vehicle.

~~(3)(A) Red flashing or rotating emergency or warning lights on a motor vehicle used as a wrecker or tow vehicle shall be operated only while the wrecker or tow vehicle is stopped on or within ten feet (10') of a public way and engaged in recovery or loading and hooking up an abandoned, unattended, disabled, or wrecked vehicle.~~

~~(B) A wrecker or tow vehicle shall not operate forward-facing red flashing or rotating emergency or warning lights while underway, except as may be expressly authorized or required by law otherwise.~~

/s/Vaught