

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

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**A Bill**

HOUSE BILL 1038

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By: Senator K. Hammer

### For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE LIGHTING  
REQUIREMENTS FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT VEHICLES AND  
AMBULANCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE LIGHTING  
REQUIREMENTS FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT VEHICLES  
AND AMBULANCES.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 5-77-201(b), concerning the unlawful possession, purchase, sale, or transfer of a blue light or blue lens cap, is amended to read as follows:

(b) Before selling a blue light or blue lens cap, the seller shall require the buyer to provide identification that legally demonstrates that the buyer is:

- (1) a law enforcement officer;
- (2) An auxiliary law enforcement officer;~~or;~~
- (3) a county coroner; or
- (4) The director or head of a state, county, city, municipal, or privately owned fire department or ambulance company as authorized by § 27-36-304(c).

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 5-77-203 is amended to read as follows:  
5-77-203. Rules.



The Division of Arkansas State Police shall promulgate rules to implement this subchapter, including rules that define the type of identification necessary to legally demonstrate that a person is:

- (1) a A law enforcement officer;
- (2) An auxiliary law enforcement officer; ~~or~~
- (3) a A county coroner; or
- (4) The director or head of a state, county, city, municipal, or privately owned fire department or ambulance company as authorized by § 27-36-304(c).

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 27-36-304, concerning lighting requirements for fire department vehicles and ambulances, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

(c)(1) In addition to the lights authorized by subsection (a) of this section, the director or head of a state, county, city, municipal, or privately owned fire department or ambulance company may permit the use of blue flashing or rotating emergency or warning lights for identification purposes on a firefighting apparatus that pumps water and on an ambulance.

(2) The blue lights authorized by subdivision (c)(1) of this section shall be on the rear of the firefighting apparatus that pumps water or on the rear of the ambulance and shall not exceed fifty percent (50%) of the visual lights.

*/s/Ladyman*