

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

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1475

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE USE OF GREEN LIGHTS BY ROADWAY CONSTRUCTION OR MAINTENANCE VEHICLES; TO AMEND THE SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS ON LAMP COLORS; TO AMEND THE COLORS OF LIGHTS THAT MAY BE USED BY EMERGENCY VEHICLES; TO DEFINE A ROADWAY CONSTRUCTION OR MAINTENANCE VEHICLE; TO DEFINE WHAT VEHICLES MAY USE OSCILLATING, ROTATING, OR FLASHING LIGHTS OR DEVICES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AUTHORIZE THE USE OF GREEN LIGHTS; TO AMEND THE RESTRICTIONS ON LAMP COLORS; TO AMEND THE COLORS OF LIGHTS THAT MAY BE USED BY EMERGENCY VEHICLES; AND TO DEFINE A ROADWAY CONSTRUCTION OR MAINTENANCE VEHICLE.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 12-75-113(c), concerning emergency response vehicles, is amended to read as follows:

(c)(1) Emergency vehicles authorized by this chapter shall be identified by a flashing light or rotating beacon which will be green in color.

(2) A roadway construction or maintenance vehicle as defined under § 27-51-905(b) that is using a green flashing light or rotating beacon is not a designated emergency vehicle under this section unless the roadway



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construction or maintenance vehicle has been designated by the Director of the Division of Emergency Management as an emergency vehicle.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 27-36-208(b) and (c), concerning special restrictions on lighted lamps and illuminating devices used on a motor vehicle, are amended to read as follows:

(b)(1) No person shall drive or move any vehicle or equipment upon any highway with any lamp or device thereon displaying a red, blue, or green light visible from directly in front of the center thereof.

(2) This subsection shall not apply to: ~~any~~

(A) A vehicle upon which a red light visible from the front is expressly authorized or required by this subchapter; or

(B) A roadway construction or maintenance vehicle as defined under § 27-51-905(b) or equipage of a roadway construction or maintenance vehicle using amber, white, or green, or a combination of amber, white, or green oscillating, flashing, or rotating emergency or warning lights.

(c) Flashing lights are prohibited except on:

- (1) An authorized emergency vehicle;
- (2) A school bus;
- (3) A funeral procession as provided in § 27-49-113;
- (4) Any vehicle as a means of indicating a right or left turn;

~~or~~

(5) Any vehicle as a means of indicating the presence of a vehicular traffic hazard requiring unusual care in approaching, overtaking, or passing; or

(6) A roadway construction or maintenance vehicle as defined under § 27-51-905(b) and equipage used for roadway construction or maintenance.

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 27-36-301(a), concerning violations of the laws regarding lights on emergency vehicles, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation to exhibit a red, green, or amber rotating or flashing light on any vehicle except as otherwise provided by this Code or to activate a flashing, rotating, or oscillating purple light except during a funeral procession.

(2) If any person affixes or has affixed any red, green, or amber light on any vehicle, this fact shall be prima facie proof that this person did exhibit the light.

SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 27-36-305(a), concerning emergency or warning lights on emergency vehicles other than police vehicles, fire department vehicles, and ambulances, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) All Except as provided in subdivision (a)(2) of this section, all state, county, and municipal agencies and private persons and businesses that operate any other type of vehicle in this state that is required or permitted to be equipped with flashing or rotating emergency or warning lights shall equip the vehicles with white or amber flashing or rotating emergency or warning lights only.

(2) Subdivision (a)(1) of this section does not apply to a roadway construction or maintenance vehicle as defined under § 27-51-905(b).

SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 27-51-905(b), concerning the use of flashing emergency lights by emergency vehicles, is amended to read as follows:

(b)(1) As used in this section, ~~“hazardous service vehicle”~~ “roadway construction or maintenance vehicle” means:

(A) A motor vehicle owned by a state, county, or municipal agency, or a private individual or entity operating under a contract with a state, county, or municipal agency, the use of which is determined by the agency to be required for dangerous or hazardous service along a roadway; and

(B) A motor vehicle owned by a public service corporation or by a private individual, the use of which is determined by the Office of Motor Vehicle, in accordance with rules established by the Office of Motor Vehicle to prevent abuses thereof, to be used for hazardous service.

(2)(A) A ~~hazardous service~~ roadway construction or maintenance vehicle may be equipped with amber, white, green, or any combination of amber, white, and green oscillating, flashing, or rotating emergency or warning lights that shall display its amber, white, or green, or any combination of amber, white, and green oscillating flashing, or rotating emergency or warning lights during hazardous use in order that other motorists and the public are aware of the hazardous use of the vehicle and

exercise caution when approaching the vehicle at all times while the amber, white, or green, or any combination and amber, white, or green oscillating, flashing, or rotating emergency or warning lights are in operation.

(B) Equipage with or display of amber, white, green, or any combination of amber, white, and green oscillating, flashing, or rotating emergency or warning lights does not qualify a motor vehicle as an emergency vehicle or a ~~hazardous service~~ roadway construction or maintenance vehicle.

(3) All ~~hazardous service~~ roadway construction or maintenance vehicles shall conform to regular traffic signals and speed limits during their operation.

SECTION 6. Arkansas Code § 27-73-202 is amended to read as follows:
27-73-202. Definition.

As used in this subchapter, “oscillating, rotating, or flashing light or device” means any light of the type used on, or which simulates or gives the impression of being, an emergency vehicle such as a police car or vehicle, fire truck, ambulance, roadway construction or maintenance vehicle as defined under § 27-51-905(b), or other lawful emergency vehicle.