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(By Mr. NEELY AND Mr. Bowman)

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AN ACT to amend and reenact section twenty-six, article fifteen, chapter seventeen-c of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to lamps or illuminating devices on motor vehicles and permitting red flashing warning lights on certain vehicles.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section twenty-six, article fifteen, chapter seventeen-c of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

ARTICLE 15. EQUIPMENT.

§17C-15-26. Special restrictions on lamps.

1 (a) Any lighted lamp or illuminating device upon a
2 motor vehicle other than head lamps, spot lamps, auxil-
3 iary lamps or flashing front-direction signals which pro-
4 jects a beam of light of an intensity greater than three
5 hundred candlepower shall be so directed that no part
6 of the beam will strike the level of the roadway on which
7 the vehicle stands at a distance of more than seventy-five
8 feet from the vehicle.

9 (b) No person shall drive or move any vehicle or
10 equipment upon any highway with any lamp or device
11 thereon displaying other than a white or amber light vis-

12 ible from directly in front of the center thereof except
13 as authorized by subsection (d) of this section.

14 (c) Except as authorized in section nineteen, flashing
15 lights are prohibited on motor vehicles, except on an
16 authorized emergency vehicle, school bus, snow removal
17 equipment or on any vehicle as a means for indicating
18 right or left turn, on any vehicle as a means of indicating
19 the same is disabled or otherwise stopped for an emer-
20 gency.

21 (d) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this
22 chapter, the following color of flashing warning lights
23 are restricted for the use of the type of vehicle desig-
24 nated:

25 (1) Blue flashing warning lights are restricted to
26 police vehicles, except as authorized by section twenty-
27 seven of this article.

28 (2) Except as authorized by sections nineteen and
29 twenty-seven of this article, red flashing warning lights
30 are restricted to ambulances, fire fighting vehicles, school
31 buses, wreckers and the personal car or truck of those
32 volunteer firemen who are authorized by their fire chief
33 to have such lights.

34 (3) All other emergency vehicles authorized by this
35 chapter and by section twenty-seven of this article shall
36 be restricted to amber or yellow flashing warning lights.

37 It shall be unlawful for flashing warning lights of an un-
38 authorized color to be installed or used on a vehicle other
39 than as specified in this section, except that a police ve-
40 hicle may be equipped with either or both blue or red
41 warning lights.

The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Russell L. Beane
Chairman Senate Committee

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Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House.

Takes effect from passage.

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President of the Senate

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The within *approved* this the *25th*
day of *February*, 1972.

Arch A. Thane Jr.
Governor



PRESENTED TO THE
GOVERNOR

Date 2/21/72
Time 2:05 p.m.

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