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HOUSE BILL No. 769

(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.


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

9 (b) No person shall drive or move any vehicle or equipment upon any highway with any lamp or device thereon displaying other than a white or amber light vis-
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ible from directly in front of the center thereof except as authorized by subsection (d) of this section.

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

(d) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter, the following color of flashing warning lights are restricted for the use of the type of vehicle designated:

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

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

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

It shall be unlawful for flashing warning lights of an unauthorized color to be installed or used on a vehicle other than as specified in this section, except that a police vehicle may be equipped with either or both blue or red warning lights.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Chairman Senate Committee

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Chairman House Committee

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Originated in the House.

Takes effect from passage.

Clerk of the Senate

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Clerk of the House of Delegates

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President of the Senate

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Speaker House of Delegates

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

[Signature] Governor
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GOVERNOR

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