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To: Subst. House Bill No. 6285

File No. 274

Cal. No. 212

"AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF FLASHING WHITE HEAD LAMPS BY FIREFIGHTERS AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL PERSONNEL."

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- 1 In line 1, before "Subsection" insert "Section 1."
- 2 In line 41, before the period insert "or for any other reason the chief
- 3 law enforcement officer of the municipality deems necessary"
- 4 After line 55, insert the following:
- 5 "Sec. 2. Subsection (c) of section 14-96q of the general statutes is
- 6 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:
- 7 (c) Flashing lights are prohibited on motor vehicles other than

8 school buses, except (1) as a means for indicating a right or left turn, (2)
9 flashing blue lights used by members of volunteer or civil
10 preparedness fire companies, as provided by subsection (b) of section
11 14-96p, (3) on certain emergency and maintenance vehicles by written
12 permit from the commissioner, or by written authorization from the
13 chief law enforcement officer of the municipality pursuant to
14 subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of section 14-96p, as amended by this
15 act, (4) flashing or revolving yellow lights on (A) wreckers registered
16 pursuant to section 14-66, or (B) vehicles of carriers in rural
17 mail-delivery service or vehicles transporting or escorting any vehicle
18 or load or combinations of vehicles or vehicles and load which is or are
19 either oversize or overweight, or both, and operated or traveling under
20 a permit issued by the Commissioner of Transportation pursuant to
21 section 14-270, (5) flashing red lights (A) on a motor vehicle
22 accommodating fifteen or fewer handicapped students used only
23 during the time such vehicle is stopped for the purpose of receiving or
24 discharging such handicapped students, (B) used by members of the
25 fire police on a stationary vehicle as a warning signal during traffic
26 directing operations at the scene of a fire, (C) on rescue vehicles, (D)
27 used by chief executive officers of emergency medical service
28 organizations as provided in subsection (a) of section 14-96p, (E)
29 ambulances, as defined in section 19a-175, or (F) used by local fire
30 marshals or directors of emergency management, (6) flashing green
31 lights used by members of volunteer ambulance associations or
32 companies as provided in subsection (c) of section 14-96p, or (7)
33 flashing white lights or flashing lights of other colors specified by
34 federal requirements for the manufacture of an ambulance used in
35 conjunction with flashing red lights or flashing head lamps and a
36 flashing amber light on an ambulance responding to an emergency
37 call. The prohibitions in this section shall not prevent the operator of a
38 motor vehicle who while traveling on a limited access divided
39 highway, because of the grade, is unable to maintain the minimum
40 speed of forty miles per hour, or who while traveling on any other
41 highway is operating such motor vehicle at such slow speed as to
42 obstruct or endanger following traffic, or the operator of a disabled

43 vehicle stopped on a hazardous location on the highway, or in close
44 proximity thereto, from flashing lights, installed on the vehicle
45 primarily for other purposes, in any manner that the operator selects
46 so as to indicate that such vehicle is traveling slowly, obstructing
47 traffic or is disabled and is a hazard to be avoided. The commissioner
48 is authorized, at such commissioner's discretion, to issue special
49 permits for the use of flashing or revolving lights on emergency
50 vehicles, on escort vehicles and on maintenance vehicles, provided any
51 person, firm or corporation other than the state or any metropolitan
52 district, town, city or borough shall pay an annual permit fee of two
53 dollars for each such vehicle, provided vehicles not registered in this
54 state used for transporting or escorting any vehicle or load or
55 combinations of vehicles or vehicles and load which is or are either
56 oversize or overweight, or both, when operating under a permit issued
57 by the Commissioner of Transportation pursuant to section 14-270,
58 shall not require such permit. On and after July 1, 1985, such annual
59 permit fee shall be three dollars, on and after July 1, 1989, four dollars
60 and fifty cents, on and after July 1, 1991, five dollars and seventy-five
61 cents and on and after July 1, 1993, seven dollars."