



Senate

General Assembly

File No. 233

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 411

Senate, March 24, 2004

The Committee on Transportation reported through SEN. CIOTTO of the 9th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING LAMPS AND FLASHING LIGHTS ON EMERGENCY VEHICLES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subdivision (4) of subsection (a) of section 14-96p of the
2 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
3 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2004*):

4 (4) Flashing or revolving white lights may not be displayed upon a
5 motor vehicle except (A) on fire emergency apparatus, (B) on motor
6 vehicles of paid and volunteer fire chiefs and their [first and second]
7 deputies or their [first and second] assistants should there be no
8 deputies, up to a total of four individuals per municipality, and may be
9 displayed in combination with flashing or revolving red lights, (C) as a
10 means of indicating a right or left turn, (D) in conjunction with flashing
11 red lights on an ambulance responding to an emergency call, or (E) on
12 the top rear of any school bus. For the purpose of this subsection, the
13 term "handicapped students" means mentally retarded, hard of

14 hearing, deaf, speech-impaired, visually handicapped, emotionally
15 disturbed, orthopedically impaired or other health-impaired students,
16 or students with specific learning disabilities, who by reason thereof,
17 require special education and related services; and the term "flashing
18 white lights" shall not include the simultaneous flashing of head
19 lamps.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2004</i>

TRA *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 05 \$	FY 06 \$
Motor Vehicle Dept.	TF - Revenue Gain	1,000	1,000

Note: TF=Transportation Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill allows fire chiefs and their deputies or assistants to display flashing red and white lights, alone or in combination with red lights, on the way to the scene of an emergency. The bill limits the number of individuals to four per municipality.

Current law appears to have limited it to three individuals: one for the fire chief and the other two for either the first and second deputies or the first and second assistants should there be no deputies. These individuals are currently required to obtain \$7 permits; and they will be required to continue obtaining these permits.

There is a potential revenue gain of up to \$1,000 assuming for all municipalities the number increases from three to four individuals who are allowed to display such lights.

OLR Bill Analysis

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AN ACT CONCERNING LAMPS AND FLASHING LIGHTS ON EMERGENCY VEHICLES**SUMMARY:**

Currently, flashing or revolving white lights may not be displayed on any motor vehicle except for fire emergency apparatus and motor vehicles of paid or volunteer fire chiefs and their first and second deputies or first and second assistants, if there are no deputies. This bill removes the explicit limit on the number of deputy or assistant chiefs and instead allows up to a total of four individuals per municipality to display such lights. It also allows the flashing or revolving white lights to be displayed in combination with flashing or revolving red lights.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2004

COMMITTEE ACTION

Transportation Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

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