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**OLR Bill Analysis**

**HB 5658**

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF RED AND BLUE LIGHTS ON VEHICLES OPERATED BY POLICE OFFICERS.***

**SUMMARY**

Existing law requires that motor vehicles have a permit, issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) commissioner or other authorized individuals, in order to display colored or flashing lights, subject to certain exceptions. Federal, state, or municipal government vehicles displaying lights in accordance with the law are exempt from the requirement.

This bill limits the use of a steady blue or red illuminated light, visible from the front of a vehicle, to a state or local police vehicle operated by a police officer. It does this by prohibiting (1) the DMV commissioner from issuing a permit for such a blue or red light to any vehicle, other than a state or local police vehicle and (2) other types of vehicles from displaying such lights.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2019

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 24    Nay 0    (03/19/2019)