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A BILL FOR

5116 1 An Act relating to the use of blue flashing lights on privately
2 owned motor vehicles of certain emergency medical care
3 providers and making penalties applicable.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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4 standing of a fire department or a person who is an advanced
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5252 ambulance, rescue, or first responder service.

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8 amended by adding the following new paragraphs:

9 NEW PARAGRAPH. c. "Advanced emergency medical care
10 provider" means as defined in section 147A.1.

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52297 11 NEW PARAGRAPH. d. "Basic emergency medical care provider"
12 means as defined in section 147.1.

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13 Sec. 3. Section 321.423, subsection 3, paragraph b,
5317 14 subparagraphs (1) and (4), Code 1989, are amended to read as
15 follows:

16 (1) The vehicle is owned by a member of a fire department
52297 17 or a member of an ambulance, rescue, or first responder
18 service.

19 (4) The chief of the fire department certifies that the
20 member is in good standing with the fire department and
52297 21 recommends that the authorization be granted or the head of an
22 ambulance, rescue, or first responder service certifies that
23 the member is in good standing and recommends that the
24 authorization be granted.

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25 Sec. 4. Section 321.423, subsection 4, Code 1989, is
26 amended to read as follows:

27 4. EXPIRATION OF AUTHORITY. The authorization shall
28 expire expires at midnight on the thirty-first day of December
29 five years from the year in which it was issued, or when the
30 vehicle is no longer owned by the member, or when the member
31 has ceased to be an active member of the fire department or of
52297 32 an ambulance, rescue, or first responder service or when the
51167 33 member has used the blue light beyond the scope of its
34 authorized use.

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EXPLANATION

1 This bill allows advanced or basic emergency medical care
2 providers who are members of an ambulance, rescue, or first
3 responder service to operate flashing blue lights on their
4 privately owned motor vehicles. The members may only
5 illuminate the blue lights when en route to the scene of a
6 fire or in response to an emergency in the line of duty
7 requiring the services of the member; when transporting a
8 person requiring emergency care; or when at the scene of an
9 emergency. The use of the blue light is for identification
10 purposes only.

11 To obtain the authority to use blue flashing lights on a
12 privately owned vehicle, it is necessary to receive a
13 certificate of designation from the director of
14 transportation. To be certified an individual must be a
15 member in good standing with an ambulance, rescue, or first
16 responder service and must be recommended by the head of that
17 program.

18 Violations for improper use of a blue light have a
19 scheduled fine of \$20, subject to surcharges and court costs.

20 An advanced emergency medical care provider is defined as
21 an individual trained to provide advanced emergency medical
22 care at the first-responder-defibrillation, EMT-
23 defibrillation, EMT-intermediate, EMT-paramedic level or other
24 certification levels adopted by rule by the board of medical
25 examiners, who has been issued a certificate by the board of
26 medical examiners.

27 A basic emergency medical care provider is defined as a
28 first responder, emergency rescue technician, or emergency
29 medical technician-ambulance.

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SENATE FILE 2184

S-5234

1 Amend Senate File 2184 as follows:

2 1. Page 1, by inserting after line 24, the
3 following:

4 "Sec. ____ . Section 321.423, subsection 3, Code
5 1989, is amended by adding the following new
6 paragraph:

7 NEW PARAGRAPH. c. A certificate of authorization
8 shall not be issued to a basic or advanced emergency
9 medical technician if that person has been convicted
10 of speeding in excess of fifteen miles per hour over
11 the speed limit, two or more times within the two
12 years prior to application."

13 2. By renumbering as necessary.

By JEAN LLOYD-JONES

S-5234 FILED FEBRUARY 26, 1990

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SENATE FILE 2184

S-5252

1 Amend Senate File 2184 as follows:

2 1. Page 1, line 5, by striking the words "or
3 basic".

4 2. Page 1, by striking lines 11 and 12.

By JEAN LLOYD-JONES

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SENATE FILE 2184

S-5229

- 1 Amend Senate File 2184 as follows:
2 1. Page 1, line 5, by striking the words "or
3 basic".
4 2. Page 1, line 5, by striking the word "an" and
5 inserting the following: "a state approved".
6 3. Page 1, by striking lines 11 and 12 and
7 inserting the following:
8 "NEW PARAGRAPH. d. "State approved ambulance,
9 rescue, or first responder service" means an
10 ambulance, rescue, or first responder service whose
11 program is authorized by the Iowa department of public
12 health pursuant to section 147A.5."
13 4. Page 1, line 17, by striking the word "an" and
14 inserting the following: "a state approved".
15 5. Page 1, line 21, by striking the word "an" and
16 inserting the following: "a state approved".
17 6. Page 1, line 32, by striking the word "an" and
18 inserting the following: "a state approved".

By JEAN LLOYD-JONES

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SENATE FILE 2184

S-5230

- 1 Amend Senate File 2184 as follows:
2 1. Page 1, by inserting after line 34 the
3 following:
4 "Sec. ____ . Section 321.423, subsection 5, Code
5 1989, is amended by adding the following new
6 paragraph:
7 NEW PARAGRAPH. e. A certificate of authorization
8 issued to a person who fails to comply with the
9 requirements of this subsection shall be immediately
10 revoked."
11 2. By renumbering as necessary.

By JEAN LLOYD-JONES

S-5230 FILED FEBRUARY 26, 1990

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SENATE FILE 2184

S-5231

- 1 Amend Senate File 2184 as follows:
2 1. Page 1, by inserting after line 34 the
3 following:
4 "Sec. ____ . Section 321.423, subsection 5, Code
5 1989, is amended by adding the following new
6 paragraph:
7 NEW PARAGRAPH. e. A certificate of authorization
8 issued to a person who is cited for a moving traffic
9 violation in connection with a motor vehicle accident
10 shall be immediately revoked."

By JEAN LLOYD-JONES

S-5231 FILED FEBRUARY 26, 1990

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SENATE FILE 2184

S-5317

Amend Senate File 2184 as follows:

1. Page 1, by inserting after line 12, the following:

"Sec. ____ . Section 321.423, subsection 2, Code 1989, is amended by adding the following new paragraph:

NEW PARAGRAPH. f. A flashing green light on a vehicle upon which a green light is permitted under subsection 7 of this section."

3. Page 1, by striking lines 13 through 24.

4. Page 1, line 33, by inserting after the word "blue" the following: "or green."

5. Page 1, by inserting after line 34 the following:

"Sec. ____ . Section 321.423, subsection 5, Code 1989, is amended to read as follows:

5. WHEN USED. The certificate of authorization shall be carried at all times with the certificate of registration of the authorized vehicle and the operator of the vehicle shall not illuminate the blue or green light except in any of the following circumstances:

a. When the member is en route to the scene of a fire or is responding to an emergency in the line of duty requiring the services of the member.

b. When the authorized vehicle is transporting a person requiring emergency care.

c. When the authorized vehicle is at the scene of an emergency.

d. The use of a the blue or green light in or on a private motor vehicle shall be for identification purposes only.

Sec. ____ . Section 321.423, Code 1989, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. 7. GREEN LIGHT. A green light shall not be used on a vehicle except in any of the following circumstances:

a. On a vehicle owned or exclusively operated by an ambulance, rescue, or first responder service.

b. On a vehicle authorized by the director when all of the following apply:

(1) The vehicle is owned by a member of an ambulance, rescue, or first responder service.

(2) The request for authorization is made by the member on forms provided by the department.

(3) Necessity for authorization is demonstrated in the request.

(4) The head of an ambulance, rescue, or first responder service certifies that the member is in good standing and recommends that the authorization be

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1 granted.

2 c. On an authorized emergency vehicle."

3 6. Title page, line 1, by striking the word

4 "blue" and inserting the following: "green".

5 7. By renumbering as necessary.

By CALVIN O. HULTMAN
RAY TAYLOR

S-5317 FILED MARCH 1, 1990

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SENATE FILE 2184

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1 Amend Senate File 2184 as follows:

2 1. Page 1, by inserting before line 1 the
3 following:

4 "Section 1. Section 321.422, Code 1989, is amended
5 to read as follows:

6 321.422 RED LIGHT IN FRONT.

7 No A person shall not drive or move any a vehicle
8 or equipment upon any a highway with any a lamp or
9 device thereon displaying or reflecting a red light
10 visible from directly in front thereof of the vehicle.
11 ~~This section shall not apply to authorized emergency~~
12 ~~vehicles, or school buses and vehicles as provided in~~
13 ~~section 321.423, subsection 6.~~---No A person shall not
14 display any a color of light other than red on the
15 rear of any a vehicle, except that stop lights and
16 directional signals may be red, yellow, or amber.
17 This section shall not apply to authorized emergency
18 vehicles, school buses, or vehicles as provided in
19 section 321.423, subsections 6 and 7."

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21 following:

22 "Sec. ____ . Section 321.423, subsection 2, Code
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26 vehicle upon which a red light is permitted under
27 subsection 7 of this section."

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47 an emergency.

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8 an ambulance, rescue, or first responder service.
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10 all of the following apply:
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19 standing and recommends that the authorization be
20 granted.
21 d. On an authorized emergency vehicle."
22 6. Title page, line 1, by striking the word
23 "blue" and inserting the following: "red".
24 7. By renumbering as necessary.

By COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
C. JOSEPH COLEMAN, Chairperson

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Adopted 3/5 (p. 862)

Sen. Tracy 3/7

SENATE FILE 2184
BY HULTMAN and TAYLOR

(AS AMENDED AND PASSED BY THE SENATE MARCH 5, 1990)

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