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HOUSE FILE 658

Place On Calendar

*Sen. Judiciary 4/29, Pass 5/6* BY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Passed House, Date 4-29-71 Passed Senate, Date 6-7-71

Vote: Ayes 85 Nays 0 Vote: Ayes 39 Nays 0

Approved June 14, 1971

## A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to flashing emergency lights on motor vehicles.

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

3 Section 1. Section three hundred twenty-one point four  
4 hundred twenty-three (321.423), subsection one (1), Code 1971,  
5 is amended as follows:

6 1. Except as otherwise provided, flashing lights are  
7 prohibited on motor vehicles, except on authorized emergency  
8 vehicles or as a means for indicating a right or left turn,  
9 mechanical failure, an emergency stop, or intention of  
10 stopping, and except that rural mail carriers may use flashing  
11 white or amber, or any shade of color between white and amber,  
12 dome lights on the roof of their vehicles when stopping on  
13 or near the highway in the process of delivering mail and  
14 except on vehicles being operated under an excess size permit  
15 issued under chapter 321E.

16 EXPLANATION

17 This bill provides that motor vehicles may use flashing  
18 emergency lights when stopped or stalled because of mechanical  
19 failure or other emergency reasons. All new cars have flash-  
20 ing light apparatus as standard equipment, but its use is  
21 prohibited under present Iowa law.

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1 Amend House File 658 by adding the following new  
2 section:  
3 Section three hundred twenty-one point four hundred  
4 twenty-three (321.423), Code 1971, is amended by adding  
5 the following new subsection:  
6 "Emergency vehicles owned by a city or town may use  
7 flashing blue or flashing red lights."

Filed - W.D.  
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