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Vote: Ayes 85

Nays 1

Vote: Ayes 40

Nays 0

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act permitting a flashing blue light to be used on a  
2 fire-fighting vehicle.

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

4 Section 1. Section three hundred twenty-one point four  
5 hundred twenty-three (321.423), subsection two (2), Code  
6 1973, is amended to read as follows:

7 2. A motor vehicle operated by a member of an organized  
8 volunteer or a regular fire department may be equipped with  
9 a lamp or device thereon displaying a flashing blue light  
10 when such motor vehicle is duly authorized as hereinafter  
11 provided and while such motor vehicle is in actual use for  
12 fire or other emergency service such as operating an emer-  
13 gency rescue unit or an ambulance.

EXPLANATION

14 This bill permits regular, as well as voluntary, fire  
15 departments to use a flashing blue light on any of their  
16 authorized vehicles.  
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1 Amend House File 414 as follows:

2 1. Page 1, line 5 by striking the words and figures  
3 "subsection two (2)" and inserting in lieu thereof  
4 the words and figures "subsections two (2), three (3),  
5 four (4), and five (5)".

6 2. Page 1, line 6 by striking the word "is" and in-  
7 serting in lieu thereof the word "are".

8 3. Page 1, by striking lines 7 through 12 and  
9 inserting in lieu thereof the following:

10 2. A motor vehicle operated by a member of an  
11 organized ~~volunteer~~ fire department, paid or volunteer,  
12 may be equipped with a lamp of any type or device  
13 thereon displaying a ~~flashing~~ blue light when such  
14 motor vehicle is duly authorized as hereinafter pro-  
15 vided and while such motor vehicle is in actual use  
16 for at a fire or other fire emergency service such  
17 as operating an emergency rescue unit or an ambulance  
18 and the use of any type blue light or device shall be  
19 restricted to fire service vehicles only.

20 3. No ~~volunteer-fireman~~ fire fighter shall be  
21 permitted to display a ~~flashing~~ blue light upon a  
22 motor vehicle as hereinbefore provided except while  
23 actually enroute to the scene of a fire or other  
24 fire emergency requiring his services as a volunteer  
25 fireman fire fighter and unless he shall be an active

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1 member of an organized ~~volunteer~~ fire department and  
2 shall have been authorized in writing to so display a  
3 ~~flashing~~ blue light by the commissioner.

4 4. The commissioner is hereby empowered to auth-  
5 orize the display of a ~~flashing~~ blue light of any type  
6 upon a privately owned light delivery truck, panel  
7 delivery truck, pickup, station wagon, or passenger  
8 type motor vehicle ~~except-a-motorcycle-or-motor~~  
9 ~~bicycle,~~ owned or usually operated by a ~~volunteer~~  
10 fireman fire fighter, and to issue a certificate of  
11 authorization therefor, upon written request being  
12 made on forms provided by the department and showing  
13 necessity for such authorization. Such written  
14 request shall be accompanied by a statement in writing  
15 by the chief of the ~~volunteer~~ fire department of  
16 which the applicant is a member certifying that the  
17 applicant is an active member in good standing in  
18 said ~~volunteer~~ fire department and recommending that  
19 such authorization be granted. Such certificate of  
20 authorization issued by the commissioner shall be at  
21 all times carried with the certificate of registra-  
22 tion of the vehicle to which it refers and shall  
23 expire at midnight on the thirty-first day of December  
24 in five years from the year in which it was issued.  
25 The commissioner may at any time revoke such certi-

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1 ficate of authorization upon a showing of abuse thereof  
2 or upon notification by the certifying fire chief that  
3 applicant has ceased to be an active member of the  
4 volunteer fire department.

5 5. The provisions of subsection 1 of this section  
6 shall not apply to the use of a ~~flashing~~ blue light  
7 on a motor vehicle so authorized by the commissioner,  
8 but such ~~flashing~~ blue light shall not be used except  
9 when such motor vehicle is actually enroute to the  
10 scene of a fire or other emergency requiring the  
11 services of a ~~volunteer-fireman~~ fire fighter.

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By COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT

SENATE AMENDMENT TO HOUSE FILE 414

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14 when such motor vehicle is duly authorized as here-  
15 inafter provided and while such motor vehicle is in  
16 actual use ~~for~~ at a fire or other fire emergency  
17 service such as operating an emergency rescue unit  
18 or an ambulance and the use of any type blue light  
19 or device shall be restricted to fire service  
20 vehicles only.

21 3. No volunteer-fireman fire fighter shall be  
22 permitted to display a ~~flashing~~ blue light upon a  
23 motor vehicle as hereinbefore provided except while  
24 actually enroute to the scene of a fire or other  
25 fire emergency requiring his services as a  
26 volunteer-fireman fire fighter and unless he shall  
27 be an active member of an organized ~~volunteer~~ fire  
28 department and shall have been authorized in writing  
29 to so display a ~~flashing~~ blue light by the commissioner.

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39 ment and showing necessity for such authorization.  
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41 ment in writing by the chief of the ~~volunteer~~ fire  
42 department of which the applicant is a member certi-  
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45 and recommending that such authorization be granted.  
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50 thirty-first day of December in five years from

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61 be used except when such motor vehicle is actually  
62 enroute to the scene of a fire or other emergency  
63 requiring the services of a ~~volunteer-fireman~~  
64 fire fighter.

Received from the Senate  
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*House concurred 4/3*