

**House File 863 - Introduced**

HOUSE FILE 863  
BY COMMITTEE ON NATURAL  
RESOURCES

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 95)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the use of blue lights on vessels operating  
2 on waters under the jurisdiction of the natural resource  
3 commission.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 462A.12, subsection 4, Code 2025, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 4. No person shall operate on the waters of this state under  
4 the jurisdiction of the commission any vessel displaying or  
5 reflecting a ~~blue light~~ or flashing blue light unless such vessel  
6 is an authorized emergency vessel.

7 EXPLANATION

8 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
9 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

10 Current law prohibits vessels from displaying or reflecting  
11 solid or flashing blue lights when operating on waters under  
12 the natural resource commission's jurisdiction unless the vessel  
13 is an authorized emergency vessel. A person who violates this  
14 prohibition is subject to a scheduled fine of \$35. This bill  
15 removes the prohibition on displaying or reflecting solid blue  
16 lights while operating a vessel in waters under the commission's  
17 jurisdiction. The display or reflection of flashing blue lights  
18 is still prohibited.