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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the use of flashing lights on certain  
2 vehicles.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 321.423, subsection 2, paragraph g,  
2 Code 2005, is amended to read as follows:

3 g. A Flashing red and amber warning lights on a school bus  
4 as described in section 321.372, and a white flashing strobe  
5 light mounted on a school bus as permitted under section  
6 321.373, subsection 7.

7 Sec. 2. Section 321.423, subsection 2, Code 2005, is  
8 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

9 NEW PARAGRAPH. h. A flashing amber light is permitted on  
10 a towing or recovery vehicle, a utility maintenance vehicle, a  
11 municipal maintenance vehicle, a highway maintenance vehicle,  
12 or a vehicle operated in accordance with subsection 6 or  
13 section 321.398 or 321.453.

14 Sec. 3. Section 321.451, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code  
15 2005, is amended to read as follows:

16 a. An ambulance, or fire vehicle, or rescue vehicle, or  
17 towing or recovery vehicle.

18 Sec. 4. Section 321.451, subsection 2, Code 2005, is  
19 amended to read as follows:

20 2. The application for a certificate of designation must  
21 include the name ~~and-occupation~~ of the owner of the vehicle,  
22 vehicle identification information, a description of the  
23 vehicle's equipment, and a description of the-use-of-the  
24 vehicle-when-its-red-light-is-flashing,-and-a-photograph  
25 showing-a-side-view-of-the-vehicle how the vehicle will be  
26 used as an authorized emergency vehicle.

27 EXPLANATION

28 This bill specifies that the flashing light used on a  
29 towing or recovery vehicle or a utility, municipal, or highway  
30 maintenance vehicle must be amber in color. In addition, the  
31 bill provides that a privately owned towing or recovery  
32 vehicle may be designated by the state department of  
33 transportation as an authorized emergency vehicle. Such a  
34 vehicle displays a flashing red or white light during an  
35 emergency, or a flashing blue light when authorized for use by

1 a fire department.

2 The bill also makes technical amendments to current  
3 provisions relating to the permissible use of flashing lights  
4 on motor vehicles.

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