

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

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# HOUSE BILL NO. 256

## 99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE RHOADS.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

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### AN ACT

To repeal section 307.175, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to flashing lights used by motor vehicles and equipment, with an emergency clause.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Section 307.175, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 307.175, to read as follows:

307.175. 1. Motor vehicles and equipment which are operated by any member of an organized fire department, ambulance association, or rescue squad, whether paid or volunteer, may be operated on streets and highways in this state as an emergency vehicle under the provisions of section 304.022 while responding to a fire call or ambulance call or at the scene of a fire call or ambulance call and while using or sounding a warning siren and using or displaying thereon fixed, flashing or rotating blue lights, but sirens and blue lights shall be used only in bona fide emergencies.

2. Motor vehicles and equipment owned **or leased** by the state highways and transportation commission or contractor or subcontractor performing work for the department of transportation may use or display thereon fixed, flashing, or rotating amber or white lights[; ~~but amber or white lights shall be used only while such vehicle is stationary in a work zone, as defined in section 304.580, when highway workers, as defined in section 304.580, are present~~].

3. Permits for the operation of such vehicles equipped with sirens or blue lights shall be in writing and shall be issued and may be revoked by the chief of an organized fire department, organized ambulance association, rescue squad, or the state highways and transportation

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

16 commission and no person shall use or display a siren or blue lights on a motor vehicle, fire,  
17 ambulance, or rescue equipment without a valid permit authorizing the use. A permit to use a  
18 siren or lights as heretofore set out does not relieve the operator of the vehicle so equipped with  
19 complying with all other traffic laws and regulations. Violation of this section constitutes a class  
20 A misdemeanor.

Section B. Because of the need to protect lives on our roads and highways, section A of  
2 this act is deemed necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, welfare, peace  
3 and safety, and is hereby declared to be an emergency act within the meaning of the constitution,  
4 and section A of this act shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval.

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