

ENGROSSED HOUSE  
BILL NO. 2659

By: Ostrander, Satterfield  
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An Act relating to motor vehicles; amending 47 O.S.  
1991, Section 12-227, as last amended by Section 3,  
Chapter 22, O.S.L. 1996 (47 O.S. Supp. 1997,  
Section 12-227), which relates to special  
restrictions on lamps; expanding types of vehicles  
that may display blue lights; and providing an  
effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 1991, Section 12-227, as  
last amended by Section 3, Chapter 22, O.S.L. 1996 (47 O.S. Supp.  
1997, Section 12-227), is amended to read as follows:

Section 12-227. A. Any lighted lamp or illuminating device  
upon a motor vehicle, other than head lamps, spot lamps, auxiliary  
lamps, flashing turn signals, emergency vehicle warning lamps,  
construction and maintenance vehicle warning lamps, and school bus  
warning lamps, which projects a beam of light of an intensity  
greater than three hundred (300) candlepower shall be so directed  
that no part of the high intensity portion of the beam will strike  
the level of the roadway on which the vehicle stands at a distance  
of more than seventy-five (75) feet from the vehicle.

B. No person shall drive or move any vehicle or equipment upon any highway with any lamp or device thereon displaying a red light visible from directly in front of the center thereof. This section shall not apply to any vehicle upon which a red light visible from the front is expressly authorized or required by this title.

C. Flashing lights are prohibited except on an authorized emergency vehicle, school bus, church bus as defined in Section 11-705.1 of this title, snow-removal equipment, wreckers and tow vehicles while at the scene of an emergency, or on any vehicle as a means of indicating a right or left turn, or the presence of a vehicular traffic hazard requiring unusual care in approaching, overtaking or passing. Flashing red or blue lights or a combination of flashing red and blue lights may be used on vehicles or machinery owned or operated by any agency of the state or by any county or city when engaged in the performance of emergency work or on the construction or maintenance of highways or bridges, or on wreckers and tow vehicles at the scene of an emergency.

D. Blue lights are prohibited except ~~on an authorized emergency vehicle~~ as allowed in subsection C of this section.

E. Any person violating the provisions of subsection B, C or D of this section shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding six (6) months, or by a fine not exceeding Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00), or by both such fine and imprisonment.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 1998.

Passed the House of Representatives the 25th day of February, 1998.

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Passed the Senate the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1998.

President of the Senate