

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 3293

By: Richardson

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to motor vehicles; authorizing use of
8 certain lights on volunteer fire fighter vehicles;
9 amending 47 O.S. 2001, Section 12-227, as last
10 amended by Section 2, Chapter 193, O.S.L. 2005 (47
11 O.S. Supp. 2009, Section 12-227), which relates to
special restrictions on lamps and illuminating
12 devices; adding an exception to certain prohibited
13 act; providing for codification; and providing an
effective date.

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

15 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
16 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 12-218.3 of Title 47, unless
17 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

18 Any privately owned motor vehicle operated by a volunteer fire
19 fighter used for the purpose of responding to alarms of fire and
20 other emergencies may be equipped with flashing red or blue lights
21 or a combination of flashing red and blue lights. The lights shall
22 be visible at five hundred (500) feet in normal sunlight.
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1 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2001, Section 12-227, as
2 last amended by Section 2, Chapter 193, O.S.L. 2005 (47 O.S. Supp.
3 2009, Section 12-227), is amended to read as follows:

4 Section 12-227. A. Any lighted lamp or illuminating device
5 upon a motor vehicle, other than headlamps, spot lamps, auxiliary
6 driving lamps, flashing turn signals, vehicular hazard warning
7 lamps, authorized emergency vehicle lamps, snow removal and
8 construction and maintenance vehicle warning lamps, and school bus
9 and church bus warning lamps, which projects a beam of light of an
10 intensity greater than three hundred (300) candlepower shall be so
11 directed that no part of the high intensity portion of the beam will
12 strike the level of the roadway on which the vehicle stands at a
13 distance of more than seventy-five (75) feet from the vehicle.

14 B. Except as provided in Sections 12-218, 12-218.1, 12-228 and
15 12-229 of this title and Section 1 of this act, no person shall
16 drive or move any vehicle or equipment upon any highway with any
17 lamp or device thereon displaying or capable of displaying a red or
18 blue light visible from directly in front of the center thereof.

19 C. Flashing lights are prohibited except on:

20 1. An authorized emergency vehicle, as provided in Section 12-
21 218 of this title;

22 2. A school bus or a church bus, as provided in Section 12-228
23 of this title;

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- 1 3. Any snow-removal and construction, and maintenance
2 equipment, as provided in Section 12-229 of this title;
- 3 4. A wrecker or tow vehicle while at the scene of an emergency
4 or loading or unloading a vehicle in close proximity to traffic as
5 needed for safety precautions or as a means of indicating the
6 presence of a vehicular traffic hazard requiring unusual care in
7 approaching, overtaking or passing, as provided in Section 12-218.1
8 of this title;
- 9 5. Any vehicle as a means of indicating a right or left turn,
10 as provided in Sections 12-206.1 and 12-606 of this title;
- 11 6. Any vehicle as means of indicating the presence of a
12 vehicular traffic hazard requiring unusual care in approaching,
13 overtaking or passing, as provided in Section 12-220 of this title;
- 14 7. Any vehicle displaying side marker lamps which flash in
15 conjunction with turn signal lamps or vehicle hazard warning lamps,
16 as provided in Section 12-220 of this title;
- 17 8. A farm tractor or an implement of husbandry, as provided in
18 Section 12-215 of this title; ~~or~~
- 19 9. Any vehicle used while performing official duties as a rural
20 or contract route mail carrier of the United States Postal Service,
21 as provided in Section 12-218.2 of this title; or
- 22 10. Any vehicle of a volunteer fire fighter that is used to
23 respond to a fire alarm or other emergency, as provided in Section 1
24 of this act.

1 D. Blue lights are prohibited except as allowed in Sections 12-
2 218, 12-218.1 ~~and~~, 12-229 of this title and Section 1 of this act.

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

8 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2010.

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