

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 54th Legislature (2014)

3 HOUSE BILL 2424

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to motor vehicles; amending 47 O.S.
8 2011, Section 12-227, which relates to special
9 restrictions on lamps; providing statutory reference;
10 authorizing use of certain lights on vehicles used
11 for volunteer fire services; specifying manner in
12 which lights may be used; providing guidelines;
13 providing for codification; and providing an
14 effective date.

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

16 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 12-227, is
17 amended to read as follows:

18 Section 12-227. A. Any lighted lamp or illuminating device
19 upon a motor vehicle, other than headlamps, spot lamps, auxiliary
20 driving lamps, flashing turn signals, vehicular hazard warning
21 lamps, authorized emergency vehicle lamps, snow removal and
22 construction and maintenance vehicle warning lamps, and school bus
23 and church bus warning lamps, which projects a beam of light of an
24 intensity greater than three hundred (300) candlepower shall be so
directed that no part of the high intensity portion of the beam will

1 strike the level of the roadway on which the vehicle stands at a
2 distance of more than seventy-five (75) feet from the vehicle.

3 B. Except as provided in Sections 12-218, 12-218.1, 12-228, and
4 12-229 of this title and in Section 2 of this act, no person shall
5 drive or move any vehicle or equipment upon any highway with any
6 lamp or device thereon displaying or capable of displaying a red or
7 blue light visible from directly in front of the center thereof.

8 C. Flashing lights are prohibited except on:

9 1. An authorized emergency vehicle, as provided in Section 12-
10 218 of this title;

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

13 3. Any snow-removal and construction, and maintenance
14 equipment, as provided in Section 12-229 of this title;

15 4. A wrecker or tow vehicle while at the scene of an emergency
16 or loading or unloading a vehicle in close proximity to traffic as
17 needed for safety precautions or as a means of indicating the
18 presence of a vehicular traffic hazard requiring unusual care in
19 approaching, overtaking or passing, as provided in Section 12-218.1
20 of this title;

21 5. Any vehicle as a means of indicating a right or left turn,
22 as provided in Sections 12-206.1 and 12-606 of this title;

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1 6. Any vehicle as means of indicating the presence of a
2 vehicular traffic hazard requiring unusual care in approaching,
3 overtaking or passing, as provided in Section 12-220 of this title;

4 7. Any vehicle displaying side marker lamps which flash in
5 conjunction with turn signal lamps or vehicle hazard warning lamps,
6 as provided in Section 12-220 of this title;

7 8. A farm tractor or an implement of husbandry, as provided in
8 Section 12-215 of this title; or

9 9. Any vehicle used while performing official duties as a rural
10 or contract route mail carrier of the United States Postal Service,
11 as provided in Section 12-218.2 of this title.

12 D. Blue lights are prohibited except as allowed in Sections 12-
13 218, 12-218.1, and 12-229 of this title and in Section 2 of this
14 act.

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

20 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
21 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 12-233 of Title 47, unless there
22 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

23 A. Volunteer fire personnel may display a blue courtesy light
24 at the scene of an emergency. The blue light can only be used in

1 the service district of the volunteer firefighter. The blue light
2 is a courtesy light only. The light shall be roof-mountable and
3 displayed only at the scene of an emergency. The light shall have a
4 blue lens and must be revolving or flashing. It shall not exceed
5 seven and one-half (7 1/2) inches in diameter with a lamp of not
6 more than fifty-one (51) candlepower without a lens.

7 B. Any volunteer firefighter making use of a blue light must
8 read and keep in their vehicle a copy of the statutes pertaining to
9 the use of a blue light.

10 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2014.

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