

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 HOUSE BILL 2961

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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 exception to lamp
10 restriction; authorizing use of flashing lights on
road-service vehicles; specifying requirements for
11 use of lights; defining term; providing for
12 codification; and providing an effective date.

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

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

16 Section 12-227. A. Any lighted lamp or illuminating device
17 upon a motor vehicle, other than headlamps, spot lamps, auxiliary
18 driving lamps, flashing turn signals, vehicular hazard warning
19 lamps, authorized emergency vehicle lamps, snow removal and
20 construction and maintenance vehicle warning lamps, and school bus
21 and church bus warning lamps, which projects a beam of light of an
22 intensity greater than three hundred (300) candlepower shall be so
23 directed that no part of the high intensity portion of the beam will
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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, no person shall drive or move any vehicle or
5 equipment upon any highway with any lamp or device thereon
6 displaying or capable of displaying a red or blue light visible from
7 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; or

12 10. Any road-service vehicle, as provided in Section 2 of this
13 act.

14 D. Blue lights are prohibited except as allowed in Sections 12-
15 218, 12-218.1, and 12-229 of this title.

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

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

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1 A. Flashing red and blue lights may be used on commercially
2 registered road-service vehicles when providing road services and
3 repairs to disabled Class A vehicles.

4 B. Any commercially registered road-service vehicle may be
5 equipped with flashing red and blue lights visible from a distance
6 of not less than five hundred (500) feet to the rear of the vehicle.
7 Such lamp shall only be used for the purpose of warning the
8 operators of other vehicles to exercise care in approaching,
9 overtaking or passing such vehicle. Road-service vehicles shall
10 bear a sign on each side of the vehicle that indicates the name of
11 the road-service company and shall be visible from a distance of no
12 less than two hundred (200) feet.

13 C. As used in this section, "road-service vehicle" means a
14 commercially registered vehicle capable of on-site repairs for Class
15 A vehicles.

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

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