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February 24, 2020

By: Weaver of the Senate

and

McBride of the House

An Act relating to motor vehicles; amending 47 O.S. 2011, Section 12-227, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 187, O.S.L. 2016 (47 O.S. Supp. 2019, Section 12-227), which relates to special restrictions on lamps; providing exception to certain lamp restrictions; authorizing use of flashing lights on road-service vehicles; specifying requirements for use of lights; defining term; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 12-227, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 187, O.S.L. 2016 (47 O.S. Supp. 2019, 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 headlamps, spot lamps, auxiliary driving lamps, flashing turn signals, vehicular hazard warning lamps, authorized emergency vehicle lamps, snow removal and construction and maintenance vehicle warning lamps, and school bus and church bus warning lamps, which projects a beam of light of an

1 intensity greater than three hundred (300) candlepower shall be so
2 directed that no part of the high intensity portion of the beam will
3 strike the level of the roadway on which the vehicle stands at a
4 distance of more than seventy-five (75) feet from the vehicle.

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

10 C. Flashing lights are prohibited except on:

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

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

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

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

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

1 6. Any vehicle as a 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;

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 vehicle being used in the collection of refuse, solid
13 waste or recyclables displaying side marker lamps which flash in
14 conjunction with turn signal lamps or vehicle hazard warning lamps
15 indicating the presence of a vehicular traffic hazard requiring
16 unusual care in approaching, overtaking or passing, as provided in
17 Section 12-220 of this title; or

18 11. Any road-service vehicle, as provided in Section 2 of this
19 act.

20 D. Blue lights are prohibited except as allowed in Sections 12-
21 218, 12-218.1, and 12-229 of this title.

22 E. Any person violating the provisions of subsection B, C or D
23 of this section shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor
24 punishable by imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding six (6)

1 months, or by a fine not exceeding Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00),
2 or by both such fine and imprisonment.

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

6 A. Flashing yellow and white lights may be used on commercially
7 registered road-service vehicles when providing road services and
8 repairs to disabled Class A commercial vehicles and passenger
9 vehicles.

10 B. Any commercially registered road-service vehicles may be
11 equipped with flashing yellow and white lights visible from a
12 distance of not less than five hundred (500) feet to the rear of the
13 vehicle. Such lights shall only be used for the purpose of warning
14 the operators of other vehicles to exercise care in approaching,
15 overtaking or passing such vehicle. Road-service vehicles shall
16 bear a sign on each side of the vehicle that indicates the name of
17 the road-service company and shall be visible from a distance of not
18 less than two hundred (200) feet.

19 C. As used in this section, "road-service vehicle" means a
20 commercially registered vehicle capable of on-site repairs for Class
21 A commercial vehicles and passenger vehicles.

22 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2020.

23 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY
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