
HOUSE BILL No. 1284

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 9-13-2; IC 9-21-3-7.5; IC 9-21-3-11.

Synopsis: Electronic devices and road signals. Provides that a person may not use a device to alter the lighting sequence of a traffic control signal, unless the person is a public safety officer responding to an emergency or an authorized technician who is installing, testing, or repairing a traffic control signal. Prohibits the sale of such devices to a nongovernmental entity. Provides that a person who illegally sells or uses a device to alter the sequence of a traffic control signal commits a Class A misdemeanor.

Effective: July 1, 2004.

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January 15, 2004, read first time and referred to Committee on Roads and Transportation.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2003 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning motor vehicles.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 9-13-2-99.7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2004]: **Sec. 99.7. "Medical, firefighting, or law enforcement
4 emergency"**, for purposes of IC 9-21-3-7.5, means the following:

- 5 (1) **A medical condition that requires immediate medical
6 attention.**
- 7 (2) **The occurrence of an event or the expected occurrence of
8 an event that presumably requires immediate firefighting,
9 medical, or law enforcement attention.**
- 10 (3) **The commission or the alleged commission of a criminal
11 act that requires immediate intervention or investigation by
12 a law enforcement officer (as defined in IC 35-41-1-17).**

13 SECTION 2. IC 9-13-2-103.1 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
14 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
15 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2004]: **Sec. 103.1. "MIRET"**, for purposes of
16 IC 9-21-3-7.5, means a mobile transmitting device that:

- 17 (1) **emits a light source or an electronic signal; and**



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(2) is intended to be used to alter the movement of traffic by changing the lighting on a traffic control signal.

SECTION 3. IC 9-13-2-111.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2004]: **Sec. 111.5. "Nongovernmental entity", for purposes of IC 9-21-3-7.5, means a person or legal entity that is not the state or a political subdivision.**

SECTION 4. IC 9-13-2-128 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2004]: Sec. 128. **(a) "Political subdivision" means a county, a township, a city, a town, a public school corporation, or any other subdivision of the state recognized in any law, including any special taxing district or entity and any public improvement district authority or entity authorized to levy taxes or assessments.**

(b) "Political subdivision", for purposes of IC 9-13-2-111.5, means a county, city, town, or township.

SECTION 5. IC 9-13-2-144.2 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2004]: **Sec. 144.2. "Public safety officer", for purposes of IC 9-21-3-7.5, means a:**

- (1) law enforcement officer (as defined in IC 35-41-1-17);**
- (2) certified paramedic;**
- (3) certified emergency medical technician; or**
- (4) full-time or volunteer firefighter.**

SECTION 6. IC 9-21-3-7.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2004]: **Sec. 7.5. (a) A person may not knowingly or intentionally use a MIRET to change the lighting on a traffic control signal, unless the person is:**

- (1) a public safety officer who is:**
 - (A) a passenger in; or**
 - (B) operating;****an authorized emergency motor vehicle that is responding to a medical, firefighting, or law enforcement emergency; or**
- (2) an authorized technician who is installing, testing, or repairing a traffic control signal.**

(b) A person may not knowingly or intentionally sell or offer for sale a MIRET to a nongovernmental entity.

SECTION 7. IC 9-21-3-11 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2004]: Sec. 11. **(a) A person who violates section 7, 8, 9, or 10 of this chapter commits a Class C infraction.**

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1 **(b) A person who violates section 7.5 of this chapter commits a**
2 **Class A misdemeanor.**
3 **SECTION 8. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2004] IC 9-21-3-7.5, as added**
4 **by this act, applies only to offenses committed after June 30, 2004.**

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