
HOUSE BILL No. 1212

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 9-19-14; IC 9-21-13-1.

Synopsis: Blue lights on vehicles. Provides that, in order for the vehicles in a funeral procession to have the right-of-way at an intersection, the vehicle heading the funeral procession must display a flashing red light. (Current law allows the vehicle to display alternately flashing red and blue lights.) Provides that a person who displays a red and blue lamp upon a vehicle or fails to remove a red and blue lamp from a vehicle under certain circumstances commits a Class C misdemeanor.

Effective: July 1, 2012.

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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.

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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 9-19-14-5.5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012]: Sec. 5.5. (a) ~~Except for a~~
3 ~~vehicle utilized in a funeral procession~~; A vehicle that is not described
4 by sections 2 or 5 of this chapter may not display a red and white lamp
5 or a red and blue lamp.

6 (b) A person who:
7 (1) purchases or otherwise acquires a vehicle with equipment
8 described by sections 2 or 5 of this chapter; and
9 (2) is not authorized to display a red and white or red and blue
10 lamp upon the vehicle;
11 shall immediately remove the red and white or red and blue lamp from
12 the vehicle.

13 SECTION 2. IC 9-19-14-6 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
14 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012]: Sec. 6. (a) This section does
15 not apply to a person who owns or operates a vehicle or combination
16 of vehicles that:

17 (1) contains parts and accessories; and



1 (2) is equipped;
 2 as required under regulations of the United States Department of
 3 Transportation.

4 (b) **Except as provided in subsection (c)**, a person who violates
 5 this chapter commits a Class C infraction.

6 (c) **A person commits a Class C misdemeanor if the person**
 7 **knowingly or intentionally violates section 5.5 of this chapter in**
 8 **either of the following ways:**

9 (1) **The person displays a red and blue lamp on the person's**
 10 **vehicle when displaying the red and blue lamp on the person's**
 11 **vehicle is not authorized by section 2 or 5 of this chapter.**

12 (2) **The person, having purchased or otherwise acquired a**
 13 **vehicle equipped with a red and blue lamp, but not being**
 14 **authorized to display a red and blue lamp upon the person's**
 15 **vehicle, fails to immediately remove the red and blue lamp**
 16 **from the vehicle.**

17 SECTION 3. IC 9-21-13-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 18 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012]: Sec. 1. (a) A vehicle with
 19 lighted headlights in a funeral procession has the right-of-way at an
 20 intersection and may proceed through the intersection if the procession
 21 is headed by a lead or funeral escort vehicle displaying ~~alternately a~~
 22 ~~flashing red and blue lights;~~ **light** except if either of the following
 23 conditions exist:

24 (1) When the right-of-way is required by an authorized emergency
 25 vehicle giving an audible signal.

26 (2) When the vehicles in procession are directed otherwise by a
 27 police officer.

28 (b) Before assuming the right-of-way, a person who drives a vehicle
 29 in the funeral procession must exercise due caution with regard to
 30 crossing traffic.

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