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## **SB 1087**

Introduced by  
Senator Kern

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 28-947, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO VEHICLE EQUIPMENT.

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1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 28-947, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:

4 28-947. Special restrictions on lamps

5 A. A person shall direct a lighted lamp or illuminating device on a  
6 motor vehicle, other than a head lamp, spot lamp, auxiliary lamp or  
7 flashing front direction signal, that projects a beam of light of an  
8 intensity greater than three hundred candlepower so that no part of the  
9 beam strikes the level of the roadway on which the vehicle stands at a  
10 distance of more than seventy-five feet from the vehicle.

11 B. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION F OF THIS SECTION, a person  
12 shall not drive or move a vehicle or equipment on a highway with a lamp or  
13 device on the vehicle that is capable of displaying a red or red and blue  
14 light or lens visible from directly in front of the center of the vehicle.  
15 Lights visible from the front of a vehicle shall be amber or white. This  
16 section does not apply to either of the following:

17 1. An authorized emergency vehicle or a vehicle on which a red or  
18 red and blue light or lens visible from the front is expressly authorized  
19 or required by this chapter.

20 2. An emergency vehicle that is solely used for hobby or display  
21 purposes and that has been issued a historic vehicle license plate  
22 pursuant to section 28-2484 if either of the following applies:

23 (a) The lights are covered and are not activated while a person is  
24 transporting or driving the vehicle to or from a parade, authorized  
25 assemblage of historic vehicles or test.

26 (b) The lights are activated only in a parade, for an authorized  
27 assemblage of historic vehicles or for testing purposes.

28 C. Except as provided in subsection D or E of this section,  
29 flashing lights on motor vehicles are prohibited except either:

30 1. On authorized emergency vehicles, school buses or snow removal  
31 equipment.

32 2. As warning lights on disabled or parked vehicles.

33 3. On a vehicle as a means for indicating a right or left turn.

34 D. A vehicle may have lamps that may be used to warn the operators  
35 of other vehicles of the presence of a vehicular traffic hazard requiring  
36 the exercise of unusual care in approaching, overtaking or passing. The  
37 vehicle may display these lamps as a warning in addition to any other  
38 warning signals required by this article. The lamps used to display the  
39 warning to the front shall be mounted at the same level and as widely  
40 spaced laterally as practicable and shall display simultaneously flashing  
41 white or amber lights or any shade of color between white and amber. The  
42 lamps used to display the warning to the rear shall be mounted at the same  
43 level and as widely spaced laterally as practicable and shall show  
44 simultaneously flashing amber or red lights or any shade of color between  
45 amber and red. These warning lights shall be visible from a distance of

1 at least one thousand five hundred feet under normal atmospheric  
2 conditions at night.

3 E. A person may equip a motorcycle with a means of modulating the  
4 intensity of a head lamp beam between the higher and lower brightness at a  
5 rate of two hundred to two hundred eighty cycles per minute. A person  
6 shall not modulate the head lamp beam during the hours of darkness as  
7 prescribed in section 28-922.

8 F. A PERSON MAY DRIVE OR MOVE A VEHICLE WITH A LAMP OR DEVICE ON  
9 THE VEHICLE THAT IS CAPABLE OF DISPLAYING A RED OR RED AND BLUE LIGHT OR  
10 LENS THAT IS VIEWABLE FROM THE FRONT OF THE VEHICLE IF THE PERSON  
11 CONTRACTS WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT AND USES THE LIGHTS ONLY WHEN THE VEHICLE  
12 IS STOPPED, PARKED OR LEFT STANDING AT A CONSTRUCTION SITE.