

House Engrossed Senate Bill

~~prisoners; transition services; noncontracted entities~~
(now: vehicle lighting; law enforcement; exceptions)

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SENATE BILL 1196

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. A person shall not drive or move a vehicle or equipment on a
12 highway with a lamp or device on the vehicle that is capable of displaying
13 a red or red and blue light or lens visible from directly in front of the
14 center of the vehicle. Lights visible from the front of a vehicle shall
15 be amber or white. This section does not apply to either of the
16 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 **USED BY A LAW
19 ENFORCEMENT OFFICER FOR TRAFFIC CONTROL WHILE EMPLOYED IN AN OFF-DUTY
20 CAPACITY FOR AN ENTITY OTHER THAN THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY OR AS**
21 expressly authorized or required by this chapter.

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

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

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

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

32 1. On authorized emergency vehicles, school buses or snow removal
33 equipment.

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

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

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

1 simultaneously flashing amber or red lights or any shade of color between
2 amber and red. These warning lights shall be visible from a distance of
3 at least one thousand five hundred feet under normal atmospheric
4 conditions at night.

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