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1 **SENATE BILL NO. 435**

2 Offered January 26, 1998

3 *A BILL to amend and reenact § 46.2-1025 of the Code of Virginia, relating to equipping vehicles with*
4 *amber warning lights.*

5 Patrons—Marsh and Lambert; Delegates: Cantor, Hall and Ingram

6 Referred to the Committee on Transportation

7 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

8 **1. That § 46.2-1025 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

9 § 46.2-1025. Flashing amber warning lights.

10 A. The following vehicles may be equipped with flashing, blinking, or alternating amber warning
11 lights of types approved by the Superintendent:

12 1. Vehicles used for the principal purpose of towing or servicing disabled vehicles;

13 2. Vehicles used in constructing, maintaining, and repairing highways or utilities on or along public
14 highways;

15 3. Vehicles used for the principal purpose of removing hazardous or polluting substances from state
16 waters and drainage areas on or along public highways;

17 4. Vehicles used for servicing automatic teller machines, provided the amber lights are not lit while
18 the vehicle is in motion;

19 5. Vehicles used in refuse collection, provided the amber lights are lit only when the vehicles are
20 engaged in refuse collection operations;

21 6. Vehicles used by individuals for emergency snow-removal purposes;

22 7. Hi-rail vehicles;

23 8. Fire apparatus, ambulances, and rescue and life-saving vehicles, provided the amber lights are
24 mounted or installed on the rear of the vehicles and are used in addition to lights permitted under
25 § 46.2-1023;

26 9. Vehicles owned and used by businesses providing security services, provided the amber lights are
27 not lit while the vehicle is being operated on a public highway;

28 10. Vehicles used to collect and deliver the United States mail, provided the amber lights are lit only
29 when the vehicle is actually engaged in such collection or delivery;

30 11. Vehicles used to *lead or* provide escorts for funeral processions;

31 12. Vehicles used to transport petroleum products, provided the amber light is mounted on the rear
32 of the vehicle and is lit only when the vehicle's back-up lights are lit and its device producing an
33 audible signal when the vehicle is operated in reverse gear, as provided for in § 46.2-1175.1, is in
34 operation;

35 13. Vehicles used by law-enforcement agency personnel in the enforcement of laws governing motor
36 vehicle parking;

37 14. Government-owned law-enforcement vehicles, provided the lights are used for the purpose of
38 giving directional warning to vehicular traffic to move one direction or another and are not lit while the
39 vehicle is being operated on a public highway;

40 15. Chase vehicles when used to unload a hot air balloon or used to load a hot air balloon after
41 landing, provided the amber lights are not lit while the vehicle is in motion; and

42 16. Vehicles used for farm, agricultural, or horticultural purposes, or any farm tractor.

43 B. Such lights on hi-rail vehicles shall be activated only when the vehicles are operated on railroad
44 rails. Such lights on other vehicles shall be lit only when performing the functions which qualify them
45 to be equipped with such lights.

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