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SENATE BILL NO. 435

Offered January 26, 1998

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

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

Referred to the Committee on Transportation

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**1. That § 46.2-1025 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 46.2-1025. Flashing amber warning lights.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

7. Hi-rail vehicles;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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