

2018 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 479

BY SENATOR LUNEAU

MOTOR VEHICLES. Provides for blue lights on licensed ambulances. (8/1/18)

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 32:318(H), relative to audible and visual signals on certain vehicles; to authorize the use of blue lights on licensed ambulances; to provide with respect to the definition of "ambulance"; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 32:318(H) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§318. Audible and visual signals on certain vehicles

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H. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, all ~~publicly-owned~~ **publicly owned** fire department vehicles and ~~publicly-owned~~ **all licensed** ambulances may use blue-colored electric lights. The lights shall be on the rear of the vehicle and shall not exceed fifty percent of the visual lights. **For purposes of this Section, the term "ambulance" shall have the meaning ascribed in R.S. 40:1131(3).**

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Sharon F. Lyles.

DIGEST

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Present law authorizes the use of blue-colored electric lights on all publicly owned fire department vehicles and publicly owned ambulances.

Proposed law changes present law to authorize use of blue-colored electric lights on all licensed ambulances.

Proposed law provides that the term "ambulance" as used in proposed law shall have the meaning ascribed in R.S. 40:1131(3) that defines "ambulance" as any authorized emergency vehicle, equipped with warning devices, designed and operated as a part of a regular course of conduct or business to transport a sick or injured individual or which is advertised or otherwise held out to the public as such. "Ambulance" shall not mean a hearse or other funeral home vehicle utilized for the transportation of the dead.

Effective August 1, 2018.

(Amends R.S. 32:318(H))