

2020 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 753

BY REPRESENTATIVE ROMERO

MOTOR VEHICLES: Provides relative to special restrictions on lamps for certain vehicles

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 32:327(D) and to enact R.S. 32:327(E), relative to special
3 restrictions on lamps; to authorize the sale of emergency lights to a person employed
4 in highway construction services; to authorize the possession of emergency lights by
5 highway construction personnel; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 32:327(D) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 32:327(E) is
8 hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §327. Special restrictions on lamps

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11 D. No person shall sell a dashboard, hood, vehicle front grill, or vehicle roof
12 mounted emergency light that emits a blue ~~or red glow, or that emits a glow in any~~
13 ~~combination of the colors red, white, and blue, to any person who is not a peace glow~~
14 to any person.

15 E. No person shall sell a dashboard, hood, vehicle front grill, or vehicle roof
16 mounted emergency light that emits a red glow, or that emits a glow of red and
17 white, to any person who is not a peace officer, a firefighter, or a person employed
18 in the performance of emergency, highway construction, or public utility services.

19 No person shall possess such an emergency light except peace officers; or
20 firefighters; or public utility, highway construction, ~~and~~ or emergency personnel.

CODING: Words in ~~struck through~~ type are deletions from existing law; words underscored are additions.

1 However, vehicles which are owned and operated by members of nonprofit
2 corporations as provided in R.S. 12:201 et seq. and which are tax exempt in
3 accordance with Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code, for exhibition in
4 shows, parades, tours, and other special events and not for general transportation
5 may be equipped with alternately flashing red lights and these lights may have
6 sufficient intensity to be visible at five hundred feet in normal sunlight, provided that
7 such use shall only be allowed when the vehicle is participating in exhibitions,
8 shows, parades, tours, and other special events, and not for general transportation.
9 The secretary by rule shall establish the criteria to be used in determining which
10 persons, other than members of such nonprofit corporations, qualify to purchase or
11 possess emergency lights as described in this Subsection.

DIGEST

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HB 753 Engrossed

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Abstract: Authorizes the sale of certain emergency lights to and the possession of certain emergency lights by any person employed in the performance of highway construction.

Present law authorizes the sale of a dashboard, hood, vehicle front grill, or vehicle roof mounted emergency light that emits a blue or red glow, or that emits a glow in any combination of the colors red, white, and blue, to any person who is a peace officer, a firefighter, or a person employed in the performance of emergency or public utility services.

Proposed law prohibits the sale of a dashboard, hood, vehicle front grill, or vehicle roof mounted emergency light that emits a blue glow to any person.

Proposed law adds a person employed in the performance of highway construction services to the list of those individuals authorized to purchase a dashboard, hood, vehicle front grill, or vehicle roof mounted emergency light that emit a red glow or that emit a glow of red and white.

Present law authorizes any person who is a peace officer, a firefighter, or public utility and emergency personnel to possess an emergency light that emits a blue or red glow, or that emits a glow in any combination of the colors red, white, and blue.

Proposed law adds highway construction personnel to the list of individuals authorized to possess emergency lights that emit a red glow or that emit a glow of red and white.

(Amends R.S. 32:327(D); Adds R.S. 32:327(E))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to the original bill:

1. Make technical changes.
2. Prohibit the use of blue lights on the dashboard, hood, grill, or roof of a vehicle by any person.
3. Authorize the use of red and white lights on the dashboard, hood, grill, or roof of a vehicle by a peace officer, firefighter, or a person employed in the performance of emergency highway construction or public utility services.