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Introduced by M. of A. KOON, GALEF, ESPAILLAT, GUNTHER, CASTRO -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. COOK, HOOPER, MARKEY, MENG, REILLY, SKARTADOS -- read once and referred to the Committee on Transportation -- recommitted to the Committee on Transportation in accordance with Assembly Rule 3, sec. 2 -- reported and referred to the Committee on Rules -- Rules Committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to the Committee on Rules

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to authorizing certain lights to be affixed to fire vehicles and ambulance vehicles

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Subparagraphs b and c of paragraph 4 of subdivision 41 of section 375 of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by chapter 45 of the laws of 2006, are amended to read as follows:

b. In addition to the red and white lights authorized to be displayed pursuant to paragraph two of this subdivision, one or more blue lights or combination blue and red lights or combination blue, red and white lights may be affixed to a police vehicle AND AMBULANCE, provided that such blue light or lights shall be displayed on a police vehicle AND AMBULANCE for rear projection only. In the event that the trunk or rear gate of a police vehicle AND AMBULANCE obstructs or diminishes the visibility of other emergency lighting on such [vehicle] VEHICLES, a blue light may be affixed to and displayed from the trunk, rear gate or interior of such [vehicle] VEHICLES. Such lights may be displayed on a police vehicle AND AN AMBULANCE when such [vehicle is] VEHICLES ARE engaged in an emergency operation. Nothing contained in this subparagraph shall be deemed to authorize the use of blue lights on police vehicles AND AMBULANCES unless such vehicles also display one or more red or combination red and white lights as otherwise authorized in this subdivision.

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [ ] is old law to be omitted.

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c. The commissioner is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations relating to the use, placement, power and display of blue lights on a police vehicle AND AN AMBULANCE.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.