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AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to the display of lights on vehicles owned by fire police

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

1 Section 1. Paragraph 2 and subparagraph b of paragraph 4 of subdivi-
2 sion 41 of section 375 of the vehicle and traffic law, paragraph 2 as
3 added by chapter 197 of the laws of 1970 and subparagraph b of paragraph
4 4 as amended by chapter 465 of the laws of 2010, are amended to read as
5 follows:
6 2. Red lights and certain white lights. One or more red or combination
7 red and white lights, or one white light which must be a revolving,
8 rotating, flashing, oscillating or constantly moving light, may be
9 affixed to an authorized emergency vehicle, and such lights may be
10 displayed on an authorized emergency vehicle when such vehicle is
11 engaged in an emergency operation, and upon a fire vehicle while return-
12 ing from an alarm of fire or other emergency. NO VEHICLE OWNED BY A
13 VOLUNTEER MEMBER OF A FIRE DEPARTMENT, OTHER THAN A VEHICLE OWNED BY A
14 FIRE CHIEF, MAY BE AFFIXED WITH RED OR WHITE LIGHTS.
15 b. In addition to the red and white lights authorized to be displayed
16 pursuant to paragraph two of this subdivision, one or more blue lights
17 or combination blue and red lights or combination blue, red and white
18 lights may be affixed to a police vehicle and fire POLICE vehicle,
19 provided that such blue light or lights shall be displayed on a police
20 vehicle and fire vehicle for rear projection only AND ON THE GRILL OF A
21 FIRE POLICE VEHICLE. A BLUE GRILL LIGHT ON A FIRE POLICE VEHICLE SHALL
22 BE PLACED ON THE PASSENGER SIDE IN CONJUNCTION WITH A RED GRILL LIGHT ON
23 THE DRIVER'S SIDE. ANY MEMBER OF THE FIRE POLICE SHALL HAVE IN HIS OR
24 HER POSSESSION A VALID FIRE POLICE IDENTIFICATION CARD AT ALL TIMES
25 WHILE DRIVING A VEHICLE WITH RED AND BLUE GRILL LIGHTS. In the event

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

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1 that the trunk or rear gate of a police vehicle and fire vehicle
2 obstructs or diminishes the visibility of other emergency lighting on
3 such vehicles, a blue light may be affixed to and displayed from the
4 trunk, rear gate or interior of such vehicles. Such lights may be
5 displayed on a police vehicle and fire vehicle when such vehicles are
6 engaged in an emergency operation. Nothing contained in this subpara-
7 graph shall be deemed to authorize the use of blue lights on police
8 vehicles and fire vehicles unless such vehicles also display one or more
9 red or combination red and white lights as otherwise authorized in this
10 subdivision.
11 S 2. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall
12 have become a law.