

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

March 21, 2022

Introduced by Sen. CLEARE -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Cities 1

AN ACT to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring alternating high and low, two-toned signal devices on emergency services vehicles

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Subdivision (b) of section 24-241 of the administrative  
2 code of the city of New York, as added by local law number 113 of the  
3 city of New York for the year 2005, is amended to read as follows:

4 (b) No person shall operate or permit to be operated an emergency  
5 signal device installed on an authorized emergency vehicle [~~that when~~  
6 unless:

7 1. When operated at the maximum level such emergency signal device  
8 creates a sound level [~~in excess of~~] that does not exceed 90 dB(A) when  
9 measured at a distance of fifty feet from the center of the forward face  
10 of such vehicle[-]; and

11 2. Such emergency signal device produces an alternating high and low,  
12 two-toned sound in accordance with implementation standards established  
13 by the department.

14 (c) Within one year after the effective date of this subdivision and  
15 every two years thereafter, emergency signal devices installed on  
16 authorized emergency vehicles shall be tested and certification shall be  
17 submitted, in a form approved by the department, that such devices meet  
18 the [~~standard~~] standards set forth in [~~this~~] subdivision (b) of this  
19 section for operation at maximum level and with an alternating high and  
20 low two-toned sound. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, where  
21 compliance with the provisions of [~~this~~] subdivision (b) of this section  
22 would create an undue hardship, the owner or operator of an authorized  
23 emergency vehicle may submit a plan to the commissioner for emergency  
24 signal devices to meet the [~~standard~~] standards set forth in [~~this~~]  
25 subdivision (b) of this section within two years after the effective  
26 date of this subdivision. Such plan shall be submitted within one year  
27 after the effective date of this subdivision in lieu of the required

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

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1 certification. [~~This subdivision shall not apply to authorized emergency~~  
2 ~~vehicles of the police department, fire department or authorized emer-~~  
3 ~~gency vehicles responding to medical emergencies.~~]

4 § 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after  
5 it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, any rules and regu-  
6 lations or guidance necessary to implement the provisions of this act on  
7 its effective date are authorized to be amended, repealed and/or promul-  
8 gated on or before such date.