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Introduced by M. of A. ANGELINO, BRABENEC, LEMONDES, McDONOUGH, MILLER, MORINELLO -- read once and referred to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to allowing police vehicles to have one or more forward facing blue lights

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

1 Section 1. Subparagraph b of paragraph 4 of subdivision 41 of section  
2 375 of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by chapter 143 of the  
3 laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:  
4 b. In addition to the red and white lights authorized to be displayed  
5 pursuant to paragraph two of this subdivision, one or more blue lights  
6 or combination blue and red lights or combination blue, red and white  
7 lights may be affixed to a police vehicle, fire vehicle, ambulance,  
8 emergency ambulance service vehicle, and county emergency medical  
9 services vehicle provided that such blue light or lights shall be  
10 displayed on a [~~police vehicle~~] fire vehicle, ambulance, emergency  
11 ambulance service vehicle, and county emergency medical services vehicle  
12 for rear projection only, and provided further that such blue light or  
13 lights may be displayed on a police vehicle for rear projection and  
14 forward projection. If such blue light is displayed on a police vehicle  
15 for forward projection, such blue light shall be displayed in combina-  
16 tion with a red and/or white light. In the event that the trunk or rear  
17 gate of a police vehicle, fire vehicle, ambulance, emergency ambulance  
18 service vehicle, and county emergency medical services vehicle obstructs  
19 or diminishes the visibility of other emergency lighting on such vehi-  
20 cles, a blue light may be affixed to and displayed from the trunk, rear  
21 gate or interior of such vehicles. Such lights may be displayed on a  
22 police vehicle, fire vehicle, ambulance, emergency ambulance service  
23 vehicle, and county emergency medical services vehicle when such vehi-  
24 cles are engaged in an emergency operation. Nothing contained in this  
25 subparagraph shall be deemed to authorize the use of blue lights on

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

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1 police vehicles, fire vehicles, ambulances, emergency ambulance service  
2 vehicles, and county emergency medical services vehicles unless such  
3 vehicles also display one or more red or combination red and white  
4 lights as otherwise authorized in this subdivision.  
5 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.