

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1123 Session of
2022INTRODUCED BY MASTRIANO, STEFANO, CAPPELLETTI, PITTMAN AND
J. WARD, MARCH 3, 2022AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, SEPTEMBER 19, 2022

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in other required equipment, further providing for
3 ~~visual signals on authorized vehicles~~ FLASHING OR REVOLVING <--
4 YELLOW AND WHITE LIGHTS.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 ~~Section 1. Section 4572(b) of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania~~ <--
8 ~~Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:~~
9 ~~§ 4572. Visual signals on authorized vehicles.~~

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11 ~~(b) Flashing or revolving yellow or blue lights. Vehicles~~
12 ~~authorized pursuant to the provisions of sections 6106 (relating~~
13 ~~to designation of emergency vehicles by Pennsylvania State~~
14 ~~Police) and 6107 (relating to designation of authorized vehicles~~
15 ~~by department), tow trucks and vehicles used for snow removal~~
16 ~~may be equipped with one or more flashing or revolving yellow~~
17 ~~lights. The manner in which the light or lights shall be~~
18 ~~displayed and the intensity shall be determined by regulation of~~

1 ~~the department. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the~~
2 ~~following vehicles may be equipped with one or more flashing or~~
3 ~~revolving blue lights in addition to the use of yellow lights~~
4 ~~under this subsection:~~

5 ~~(1) A tow truck, if the blue lights are equipped only in~~
6 ~~the rear of the vehicle. A tow truck under this paragraph may~~
7 ~~only operate blue lights while the tow truck is stationary on~~
8 ~~the side of the road or highway while responding to a~~
9 ~~disabled vehicle. The tow truck operating under this~~
10 ~~paragraph is prohibited from operating blue lights at any~~
11 ~~time while the tow truck is in motion.~~

12 ~~(2) (Reserved).~~

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14 SECTION 1. SECTION 4572.1 OF TITLE 75 OF THE PENNSYLVANIA <--
15 CONSOLIDATED STATUTES IS AMENDED TO READ:

16 § 4572.1. FLASHING OR REVOLVING [YELLOW AND WHITE] LIGHTS ON
17 TOW TRUCKS.

18 (A) [GENERAL RULE.--TOW] COLORED LIGHTS.--

19 (1) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (B), TOW TRUCKS MAY BE
20 EQUIPPED WITH ONE OR MORE FLASHING OR REVOLVING YELLOW LIGHTS
21 AND ONE OR MORE FLASHING OR REVOLVING WHITE LIGHTS. THE
22 MANNER IN WHICH THE LIGHT OR LIGHTS SHALL BE DISPLAYED SHALL
23 BE DETERMINED BY REGULATION OF THE DEPARTMENT.

24 (2) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (B.1), TOW TRUCKS MAY BE
25 EQUIPPED WITH ONE OR MORE FLASHING OR REVOLVING YELLOW LIGHTS
26 AND ONE OR MORE FLASHING OR REVOLVING BLUE LIGHTS. THE BLUE
27 LIGHTS SHALL ONLY BE EQUIPPED IN THE REAR OF THE VEHICLE.

28 (B) LIMITATIONS ON WHITE LIGHTS.--THE FLASHING OR REVOLVING
29 YELLOW AND WHITE LIGHTS UNDER SUBSECTION (A) (1) ON TOW TRUCKS
30 SHALL BE ACTIVATED ONLY WHEN THE VEHICLE IS ACTIVELY PERFORMING

1 THE TYPE OF WORK WHICH IS THE BASIS OF THE DESIGNATION OF THE
2 VEHICLE AS AN AUTHORIZED VEHICLE OR IS WITHIN THE VICINITY OF AN
3 EMERGENCY RESPONSE AREA. TOW TRUCKS SHALL NOT OPERATE WITH
4 ACTIVATED FLASHING OR REVOLVING YELLOW AND WHITE LIGHTS UNDER
5 SUBSECTION (A) (1) WHEN:

6 (1) NOT ENGAGED IN THE ACT OF TOWING A VEHICLE.

7 (2) BRAKE LIGHTS, TURN SIGNALS AND OPERATING LIGHTS ARE
8 VISIBLE FROM THE REAR AND NOT OBSTRUCTED.

9 (3) THE VEHICLE BEING TOWED DOES NOT TRAIL BEHIND THE
10 TOW TRUCK AND IS SECURELY POSITIONED ON THE FLATBED OF THE
11 TOW TRUCK WITH NO PARTS OF THE TOWED VEHICLE OVERHANGING.

12 (B.1) LIMITATIONS ON BLUE LIGHTS.--A TOW TRUCK MAY ONLY
13 OPERATE WITH BLUE LIGHTS UNDER SUBSECTION (A) (2) WHILE THE TOW
14 TRUCK IS STATIONARY ON THE SIDE OF THE ROAD OR HIGHWAY WHILE
15 RESPONDING TO A DISABLED VEHICLE. A TOW TRUCK SHALL NOT OPERATE
16 WITH BLUE LIGHTS UNDER SUBSECTION (A) (2) AT ANY TIME WHILE THE
17 TOW TRUCK IS IN MOTION.

18 (C) PENALTY.--UNAUTHORIZED USE OF THE LIGHTS SPECIFIED IN
19 THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE A SUMMARY OFFENSE PUNISHABLE BY A FINE
20 OF \$50.

21 Section 2. All regulations and parts of regulations are
22 abrogated to the extent of any inconsistency with the provisions
23 of this act.

24 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.