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SYNOPSIS

Permits use of LED light in emergency warning lights.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 AN ACT concerning emergency warning lights and amending
2 P.L.1977, c.223.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. Section 4 of P.L.1977, c.223 (C.39:3-54.10) is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 4. a. The Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor Vehicle
10 Commission shall promulgate rules and regulations specifying the
11 type of light which may be used in emergency warning lights which
12 shall include, but not be limited to, a low profile light bar of the
13 light-emitting diode (LED), strobe, halogen, or incandescent type,
14 or a combination of these lights.

15 b. No more than two emergency warning lights shall be
16 installed on a vehicle. If one light is used it shall be installed in the
17 center of the roof of the car, or on the front of the vehicle so that the
18 top of the emergency warning light is no higher than the top of the
19 vehicle's headlights, or in the center of the dashboard. **It** may be a
20 low profile light bar of the strobe, halogen or incandescent type, or
21 a combination thereof. **If** two lights are used they may be placed
22 on the windshield columns on each side of the vehicle where
23 spotlights are normally mounted, or on either side of the roof at the
24 front of the vehicle directly in back of the top of the windshield.
25 Under no circumstances may one light be placed on the roof and
26 one on the windshield column in the spotlight position. Light
27 elements shall be shielded from direct sight or view of the driver.
28 (cf: P.L.2005, c.218, s.3)

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30 2. This act shall take effect on the first day of the third month
31 following enactment.

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STATEMENT

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36 This bill requires the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey
37 Motor Vehicle Commission to establish rules and regulations
38 specifying the type of light that may be used in emergency warning
39 lights and provides that a light-emitting diode (LED) light may be
40 used in emergency warning lights.

41 Under current law, a vehicle may not have more than two
42 emergency warning lights. Current law provides that emergency
43 warning lights are to consist of a low profile light bar of the strobe,
44 halogen or incandescent type, or a combination of these lights.

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **thus in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 This bill provides that a LED light also may be used in
2 emergency warning lights. The chief administrator is required to
3 promulgate rules and regulations specifying the type of light that
4 may be used in emergency warning lights and requires the inclusion
5 of a low profile light bar of the LED, strobe, halogen, or
6 incandescent type, or a combination of these lights.