

Stricken language would be deleted from present law. Underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

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HOUSE BILL 1451

5 By: Representatives Northcutt, Ammons, Bennett, Brown, Bond, Bush, Ferrell, Hale, Horn, D.Hudson, Ingram, Jones, Lynn, Madison,
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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10 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 27-36-301 RELATING TO THE
11 DISPLAY OR POSSESSION OF A BLUE LIGHT IN A VEHICLE; AND TO
12 RESTRICT THE SALE OF BLUE LIGHTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."
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Subtitle

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15 "AN ACT CONCERNING THE DISPLAY OR
16 POSSESSION OF A BLUE LIGHT IN A VEHICLE;
17 AND TO RESTRICT THE SALE OF BLUE
18 LIGHTS."
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 27-36-301 is amended to read as follows:

24 ~~§~~27-36-301. Violations.

25 (a)(1) It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation to
26 exhibit a ~~blue,~~ red, or amber rotating or flashing light on any vehicle except
27 as otherwise provided by the statutes of the State of Arkansas.

28 ~~_____~~ (b)(2) If any person affixes or has affixed any ~~blue,~~ red, or
29 amber light on any vehicle, this fact shall be prima facie proof that this
30 person did exhibit the light.

31 (b) Except as otherwise provided by the statutes of the State of
32 Arkansas, it is unlawful for any person to install or activate or operate a
33 blue light in or on any vehicle in this state or to possess in or on any
34 vehicle in this state a blue light that is not sealed in the manufacturer's
35 original package. As used in this section, blue light means an operable blue
36 light which:

1 (1) Is designed for use by an emergency vehicle, or is similar in
2 appearance to a blue light designed for use by an emergency vehicle; and

3 (2) Can be operated by use of the vehicle's battery, the vehicle's
4 electrical system, or a dry cell battery.

5 (c)(1) A violation of subsection (b) of this section shall be a Class A
6 misdemeanor.

7 (2) Violation of ~~the provisions~~ any other provision of this
8 subchapter shall be considered a misdemeanor and shall be punishable by a fine
9 of not less than ten dollars (\$10.00) nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100)
10 for each offense."

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12 SECTION 2. (a) It shall be unlawful to sell or transfer a blue light to
13 any person other than a certified law enforcement officer. The sale or
14 transfer shall be reported to the Department of Arkansas State Police on a
15 form prescribed by the department.

16 (b) A violation of this section shall be a Class A misdemeanor.

17 (c) As used in this section, "blue light" means an operable blue light
18 which:

19 (1) Is designed for use by an emergency vehicle, or is similar in
20 appearance to a blue light designed for use by an emergency vehicle; and

21 (2) Can be operated by use of the vehicle's battery, the vehicle's
22 electrical system, or a dry cell battery.

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24 SECTION 3. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
25 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
26 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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28 SECTION 4. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
29 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
30 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
31 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
32 act are declared to be severable.

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34 SECTION 5. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
35 hereby repealed.

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/s/Rep. Northcutt et al

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