

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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A Bill

Act 322 of 2001
HOUSE BILL 1284

5 By: Representatives House, Bookout, Moore, Shoffner, M Steele, Seawel, Parks, Oglesby, Creekmore,
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For An Act To Be Entitled

10 AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE TITLE 27, CHAPTER 36,
11 SUBCHAPTER 3 TO ADD A SECTION TO AUTHORIZE MOTOR
12 VEHICLES LEADING OR ESCORTING A FUNERAL PROCESSION TO
13 USE PURPLE FLASHING AND ROTATING LIGHTS; TO AMEND
14 ARKANSAS CODE 27-36-301 TO PRESCRIBE PENALTIES FOR THE
15 UNAUTHORIZED USE OF THE PURPLE LIGHTS; AND FOR OTHER
16 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

18 TO AUTHORIZE MOTOR VEHICLES LEADING OR
19 ESCORTING A FUNERAL PROCESSION TO USE
20 PURPLE FLASHING AND ROTATING LIGHTS.
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 27, Chapter 36, Subchapter 3 is amended
27 to add an additional section to read as follows:

28 27-36-307. Other nonemergency vehicles - Funeral processions.

29 (a) Motor vehicles engaged in leading or escorting a funeral procession
30 or any vehicle that is part of a funeral procession may be equipped with
31 flashing, rotating or oscillating purple lights which shall not be activated
32 except during a funeral procession.

33 (b) The purple flashing, rotating or oscillating lights shall be a
34 warning to other motorists of the approach of the funeral procession.
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36 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code 27-36-301(a), concerning penalties for

1 exhibiting emergency lights on motor vehicles, is amended to read as follows:

2 (a)(1) It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation to
3 exhibit a red or amber rotating or flashing light on any vehicle except as
4 otherwise provided by the statutes of the State of Arkansas or to activate a
5 flashing, rotating or oscillating purple light except during a funeral
6 procession.

7 (2) If any person affixes or has affixed any red or amber light
8 on any vehicle, this fact shall be prima facie proof that this person did
9 exhibit the light.

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