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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1293

5 By: Representative Vaught
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LIGHTING REQUIREMENTS FOR A MOTOR
9 VEHICLE USED AS A WRECKER OR TOW VEHICLE; AND FOR
10 OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

14 TO AMEND THE LIGHTING REQUIREMENTS FOR A
15 MOTOR VEHICLE USED AS A WRECKER OR TOW
16 VEHICLE.

19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 27-51-905(c), concerning the use of*
22 *flashing emergency lights by emergency vehicles, is amended to read as*
23 *follows:*

24 (c)(1) A motor vehicle used as a wrecker or tow vehicle permitted or
25 licensed under § 27-50-1203 may be equipped with:

26 (A) ~~amber~~ Amber flashing or rotating emergency or warning
27 lights;

28 (B) White and red flashing or rotating emergency or
29 warning lights; or

30 (C) Both:

31 (i) Amber flashing or rotating emergency or warning
32 lights; and

33 (ii) White and red flashing or rotating emergency or
34 warning lights.

35 (2) ~~that~~ The lights authorized under subdivision (c)(1) of this
36 section shall be displayed only during hazardous use in order that other



1 motorists and the public are aware of the special or hazardous use of the
2 wrecker or tow vehicle and exercise caution in approaching the wrecker or tow
3 vehicle at all time while the ~~amber~~ flashing or rotating emergency or warning
4 lights are in operation.

5 ~~(2)(3)~~ Equipage with or display of ~~amber~~ flashing or rotating
6 emergency or warning lights does not qualify a motor vehicle used as a
7 wrecker or tow vehicle as an emergency vehicle.

8 ~~(3)(A) Red flashing or rotating emergency or warning lights on a~~
9 ~~motor vehicle used as a wrecker or tow vehicle shall be operated only while~~
10 ~~the wrecker or tow vehicle is stopped on or within ten feet (10') of a public~~
11 ~~way and engaged in recovery or loading and hooking up an abandoned,~~
12 ~~unattended, disabled, or wrecked vehicle.~~

13 ~~(B) A wrecker or tow vehicle shall not operate forward-~~
14 ~~facing red flashing or rotating emergency or warning lights while underway,~~
15 ~~except as may be expressly authorized or required by law otherwise.~~

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