

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

SENATE BILL 468

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5 By: Senator J. Key
6 By: Representative Hopper

For An Act To Be Entitled

10 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT PERSONS WITH CERTAIN CRIMINAL
11 HISTORIES FROM PURCHASING OR POSSESSING EMERGENCY
12 LIGHTS OR SIRENS FOR A VEHICLE; TO PROHIBIT THE
13 INSTALLATION OF EMERGENCY LIGHTS OR SIRENS ON A
14 VEHICLE THAT APPEARS TO BE OR MIMICS A LAW
15 ENFORCEMENT VEHICLE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

18 TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN PERSONS FROM
19 PURCHASING OR POSSESSING EMERGENCY
20 LIGHTS OR SIRENS FOR A VEHICLE AND TO
21 PROHIBIT THE INSTALLATION OF EMERGENCY
22 LIGHTS OR SIRENS ON A VEHICLE THAT IS
23 NOT A LAW ENFORCEMENT VEHICLE.

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26 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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28 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 5, Chapter 77, Subchapter 2 is amended
29 to add a section to read as follows:

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31 5-77-204. Emergency lights and sirens - Prohibited persons.

32 (a) It is unlawful for a person who has pleaded guilty or nolo
33 contendere to or has been found guilty of a felony or domestic battering in
34 the third degree, § 5-26-305, or a person required to register as a sex
35 offender under the Sex Offender Registration Act of 1997, § 12-12-901 et
36 seq., to knowingly:



1 (1) Purchase or possess an emergency vehicle light or siren with
2 a purpose to install or use the emergency vehicle light or siren on a motor
3 vehicle that reasonably appears to be or that mimics a law enforcement
4 vehicle;

5 (2) Install or use an emergency vehicle light or siren on a
6 motor vehicle that reasonably appears to be or that mimics a law enforcement
7 vehicle; or

8 (3) Operate a motor vehicle that reasonably appears to be or
9 that mimics a law enforcement vehicle and the motor vehicle has an emergency
10 vehicle light or siren installed on the motor vehicle or in use on the motor
11 vehicle.

12 (b) It is a defense to prosecution under this section that the person
13 was a certified law enforcement officer acting within the scope of his or her
14 duty.

15 (c) As used in this section:

16 (1) "Emergency vehicle light" means a device that emits a light
17 of any color and that is:

18 (A) Designed for use by an emergency vehicle; or

19 (B) Similar in appearance to a device designed for use by
20 an emergency vehicle;

21 (2) "Law enforcement vehicle" means any vehicle owned or
22 operated by a law enforcement agency; and

23 (3) "Siren" means an acoustic or electronic device producing a
24 loud or wailing sound as a signal or warning.

25 (d) A violation of this section is a Class A misdemeanor.

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