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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1038

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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE LIGHTING
10 REQUIREMENTS FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT VEHICLES AND
11 AMBULANCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE LIGHTING
16 REQUIREMENTS FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT VEHICLES
17 AND AMBULANCES.
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 5-77-201(b), concerning the unlawful
23 possession, purchase, sale, or transfer of a blue light or blue lens cap, is
24 amended to read as follows:

25 (b) Before selling a blue light or blue lens cap, the seller shall
26 require the buyer to provide identification that legally demonstrates that
27 the buyer is:

28 (1) a law enforcement officer;

29 (2) An auxiliary law enforcement officer;~~or;~~

30 (3) a county coroner; or

31 (4) The director or head of a state, county, city, municipal, or
32 privately owned fire department or ambulance company, or his or her designee,
33 as authorized by § 27-36-304(c).
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35 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 5-77-203 is amended to read as follows:
36 5-77-203. Rules.



1 The Division of Arkansas State Police shall promulgate rules to
 2 implement this subchapter, including rules that define the type of
 3 identification necessary to legally demonstrate that a person is:

4 (1) a A law enforcement officer;

5 (2) An auxiliary law enforcement officer; ~~or~~

6 (3) a A county coroner; or

7 (4) The director or head of a state, county, city, municipal, or
 8 privately owned fire department or ambulance company, or his or her designee,
 9 as authorized by § 27-36-304(c).

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 11 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 27-36-304, concerning lighting requirements
 12 for fire department vehicles and ambulances, is amended to add an additional
 13 subsection to read as follows:

14 (c)(1) In addition to the lights authorized by subsection (a) of this
 15 section, the director or head of a state, county, city, municipal, or
 16 privately owned fire department or ambulance company may permit the use of
 17 blue flashing or rotating emergency or warning lights for identification
 18 purposes on fire trucks and ambulances.

19 (2) The blue lights authorized by subdivision (c)(1) of this
 20 section shall be on the rear of the fire truck or ambulance and shall not
 21 exceed fifty percent (50%) of the visual lights.