

**HB 130 – AS INTRODUCED**

2015 SESSION

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**HOUSE BILL 130**

AN ACT relative to the use of blue lights on emergency vehicles.

SPONSORS: Rep. Danielson, Hills 7; Rep. Proulx, Hills 44; Rep. White, Graf 13; Rep. S. Sweeney, Hills 23; Sen. Carson, Dist 14

COMMITTEE: Transportation

**ANALYSIS**

This bill authorizes the use of blue lights on firefighting apparatus operated by local firefighters and emergency response employees and volunteers.

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Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.

Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struckthrough.~~]

Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Fifteen*

AN ACT relative to the use of blue lights on emergency vehicles.

*Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:*

1 Blue Lights Restricted. Amend RSA 266:78-b to read as follows:

266:78-b Blue Lights Restricted to Law Enforcement ***and Emergency Response***.

I. No person other than a sworn law enforcement officer with power of arrest ***or an emergency response employee or volunteer of a city, town, or village district or the federal government*** shall operate a vehicle equipped with blue colored lights,

except in the case of a service technician driving the vehicle in connection with servicing or maintaining the vehicle.

II. Blue *colored* lights are authorized *only* for vehicles owned or leased by state, county, municipal, or federal law enforcement agencies, fire marshal vehicles, *emergency response vehicles owned or leased by city, town, village district, or federal fire departments, forestry departments, or emergency medical departments*, and vehicles privately owned or leased by sworn law enforcement officers when authorized by their department heads. When blue colored lights are installed on a private vehicle owned by or leased to a law enforcement officer, such lights shall be covered when the vehicle is being driven by someone other than a law enforcement officer. *Blue colored lights installed on emergency response vehicles shall be limited to a single, rear-facing blue colored emergency light on each vehicle.*

2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2016.