

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY MARCH 31, 2009

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009—10 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1385

Introduced by Assembly Member Miller

February 27, 2009

~~An act relating to arson.~~ *An act to amend Section 25258 of the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.*

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1385, as amended, Miller. ~~Arson—Vehicles: authorized emergency vehicles: blue warning lights.~~

Existing law allows an authorized emergency vehicle used by a peace officer, as defined, in the performance of his or her duties to display a steady or flashing blue warning light visible from the front, sides, or rear of the vehicle.

This bill would expand the definition of peace officer for purposes of that provision to include certain members of an arson-investigating unit, members of a fire department or fire protection agency, voluntary fire wardens as designated by the Director of Forestry and Fire Protection, and firefighters/security guards designated by the Military Department.

~~Existing law establishes the offense of arson.~~

~~This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation relating to arson.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 25258 of the Vehicle Code is amended to
2 read:

3 25258. (a) An authorized emergency vehicle operating under
4 the conditions specified in Section 21055 may display a flashing
5 white light from a gaseous discharge lamp designed and used for
6 the purpose of controlling official traffic control signals.

7 (b) An authorized emergency vehicle used by a peace officer,
8 as defined in Section 830.1 of, subdivision (a), (b), (c), (d), (e),
9 (f), (g), or (i) of Section 830.2 of, subdivision (b) of Section 830.31
10 of, subdivision (a) or (b) of Section 830.32 of, Section 830.33 of,
11 subdivision (a) of Section 830.36 of, *Section 830.37 of*, subdivision
12 (a) of Section 830.4 of, or Section 830.6 of, the Penal Code, in the
13 performance of the peace officer’s duties, may, in addition, display
14 a steady or flashing blue warning light visible from the front, sides,
15 or rear of the vehicle.

16 (c) Except as provided in subdivision (a), a vehicle shall not be
17 equipped with a device that emits any illumination or radiation
18 that is designed or used for the purpose of controlling official
19 traffic control signals.

20 ~~SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact~~
21 ~~legislation relating to arson.~~