

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2224

Introduced by Assembly Member Achadjian

February 18, 2016

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

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2224, as introduced, Achadjian. Emergency vehicles: blue warning lights.

Under existing law, specified peace officers, including, but not limited to, police officers, members of the University of California Police Department, and members of the California National Guard, are authorized to display a specified blue warning light on their emergency vehicles.

This bill would authorize additional peace officers, including, but not limited to, parole officers and correctional officers, to display a specified blue warning light on their emergency vehicles.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. 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
- 2 to 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.

1 (b) An authorized emergency vehicle used by a peace officer,
2 as defined in Section 830.1 of, subdivision (a), (b), (c), (d), (e),
3 (f), (g), or (i) of Section 830.2 of, subdivision (n) of Section 830.3
4 of, subdivision (b) of Section 830.31 of, subdivision (a) or (b) of
5 Section 830.32 of, Section 830.33 of, subdivision (a) of Section
6 830.36 of, subdivision (a) of Section 830.4 of, *Section 830.5 of*,
7 or Section 830.6 of, the Penal Code, in the performance of the
8 peace officer's duties, may, in addition, display a steady or flashing
9 blue warning light visible from the front, sides, or rear of the
10 vehicle.

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