

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY MARCH 16, 2016

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2224**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Achadjian**

February 18, 2016

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

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2224, as amended, 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~~ *may, in the performance of the officers' duties*, display a specified blue warning light on their emergency vehicles.

This bill *additionally* would authorize ~~additional peace officers, including, but not limited to, parole officers and correctional officers, probation officers, in the performance of their duties~~, to display a specified blue warning light on their emergency vehicles. *The bill would require a probation officer to complete an emergency vehicle operations course certified by the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training before he or she may operate a vehicle with a blue warning light.*

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~yes~~-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  
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.

7 (b) (1) An authorized emergency vehicle used by a *probation*  
8 *officer, or a* peace officer, as defined in Section 830.1 of,  
9 subdivision (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), or (i) of Section 830.2 of,  
10 subdivision (n) of Section 830.3 of, subdivision (b) of Section  
11 830.31 of, subdivision (a) or (b) of Section 830.32 of, Section  
12 830.33 of, subdivision (a) of Section 830.36 of, subdivision (a) of  
13 Section 830.4 of, ~~Section 830.5 of,~~ or Section 830.6 of, the Penal  
14 Code, in the performance of the ~~peace officer's~~ duties, may, in  
15 addition, display a steady or flashing blue warning light visible  
16 from the front, sides, or rear of the vehicle.

17 (2) *Before a probation officer operates a vehicle with a blue*  
18 *warning light, he or she shall complete an emergency vehicle*  
19 *operations course certified by the Commission on Peace Officer*  
20 *Standards and Training.*

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