

LEGISLATIVE BILL 573

Approved by the Governor May 18, 2011

Introduced by Price, 3.

FOR AN ACT relating to the Emergency Management Act; to amend sections 60-6,232 and 81-829.36, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to define storm spotter; to authorize the use of amber lights on motor vehicles used by emergency management workers and storm spotters; to provide duties for the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. Section 60-6,232, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

60-6,232 A rotating or flashing amber light or lights shall be displayed on the roof of any motor vehicle being operated by any rural mail carrier outside the corporate limits of any municipality in this state on or near any highway in the process of delivering mail.

A rotating or flashing amber light or lights may be displayed on (1) any vehicle of the Military Department while on any state emergency mission, (2) any motor vehicle being operated by any public utility, vehicle service, or towing service or any publicly or privately owned construction or maintenance vehicle while performing its duties on or near any highway, (3) any motor vehicle being operated by any member of the Civil Air Patrol, (4) any pilot vehicle escorting an overdimensional load, (5) any vehicle while actually engaged in the moving of houses, buildings, or other objects of extraordinary bulk, including unbaled livestock forage as authorized by subdivision (2)(f) of section 60-6,288, ~~or~~ (6) any motor vehicle owned by or operated on behalf of a railroad carrier that is stopped to load or unload passengers, or (7) any motor vehicle operated by or for an emergency management worker as defined in section 81-829.39 or a storm spotter as defined in section 3 of this act who is activated by a local emergency management organization.

Sec. 2. Section 81-829.36, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

81-829.36 Sections 81-829.36 to 81-829.75 and section 3 of this act shall be known and may be cited as the Emergency Management Act.

Sec. 3. (1) The Nebraska Emergency Management Agency shall develop training, identification, and credentialing standards for a storm spotter or emergency management worker.

(2) For purposes of this section, storm spotter means an individual who performs weather spotting services as an employee or a volunteer of a local emergency management organization and who has been credentialed by the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency under this section.

Sec. 4. Original sections 60-6,232 and 81-829.36, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.