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FINAL READING

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A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to authorized emergency vehicles; to
2 amend sections 55-133, 60-610, 60-6,230, and 60-6,231,
3 Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to authorize the
4 designation of certain vehicles as military emergency
5 vehicles; to modify terms; to authorize use of lights for
6 convoy control purposes; to harmonize provisions; and to
7 repeal the original sections.

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

1 Section 1. Section 55-133, Reissue Revised Statutes of
2 Nebraska, is amended to read:

3 55-133 (1) The Adjutant General shall assign to each
4 organization an armory and such other equipment as may be
5 necessary to comply with the requirements of United States laws
6 or regulations for National Guard units allotted to the State of
7 Nebraska.

8 (2) (a) The Adjutant General may designate any publicly
9 owned military vehicles of the National Guard described in
10 subdivision (b) of this subsection as military emergency vehicles.
11 Military emergency vehicles shall be operated as emergency vehicles
12 only when responding to a public disaster, war, riot, invasion,
13 insurrection, or resistance of process or in case of imminent
14 danger of the occurrence of any of such events. The Adjutant
15 General shall develop and enforce standard operating procedures for
16 military emergency vehicles.

17 (b) Vehicles eligible for designation as military
18 emergency vehicles shall be limited to vehicles assigned to:

19 (i) The Civil Support Team, or any successor unit; and

20 (ii) The chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and
21 high-yield explosives enhanced response force package, commonly
22 known as the CERFP unit, or any successor unit.

23 Sec. 2. Section 60-610, Reissue Revised Statutes of
24 Nebraska, is amended to read:

25 60-610 Authorized emergency vehicle shall mean such

1 fire department vehicles, police vehicles, rescue vehicles, and
2 ambulances as are publicly owned, ~~and~~ such other publicly or
3 privately owned vehicles as are designated by the Director of Motor
4 Vehicles, and such publicly owned military vehicles of the National
5 Guard as are designated by the Adjutant General pursuant to section
6 55-133.

7 Sec. 3. Section 60-6,230, Reissue Revised Statutes of
8 Nebraska, is amended to read:

9 60-6,230 (1) Except as provided in sections 60-6,231 to
10 60-6,233 and subsections (4) and (5) of this section, no person
11 shall operate any motor vehicle or any equipment of any description
12 on any highway in this state with any rotating or flashing light.

13 (2) Except for stop lights and directional signals, which
14 may be red, yellow, or amber, no person shall display any color
15 of light other than red on the rear of any motor vehicle or any
16 equipment of any kind on any highway within this state.

17 (3) ~~Blue and green lights may~~ Amber rotating or flashing
18 lights shall be displayed on vehicles of the Military Department
19 for purpose of convoy control when on any state emergency mission.

20 (4) A single flashing white light may be displayed on
21 the roof of school transportation vehicles during extremely adverse
22 weather conditions.

23 (5) Blue and amber rotating or flashing lights may be
24 displayed on vehicles used for the movement of snow when operated
25 by the Department of Roads or any local authority.

1 Sec. 4. Section 60-6,231, Reissue Revised Statutes of
2 Nebraska, is amended to read:

3 60-6,231 A flashing or rotating red light or red and
4 white light shall be displayed on any authorized emergency vehicle
5 whenever operated in this state. A blue light may also be displayed
6 with such flashing or rotating red light or red and white light.
7 For purposes of this section, ~~any publicly owned police, fire,~~
8 ~~or rescue vehicles and publicly or privately owned ambulances and~~
9 ~~funeral escort vehicles shall be considered to be emergency an~~
10 authorized emergency vehicle shall include funeral escort vehicles.

11 Sec. 5. Original sections 55-133, 60-610, 60-6,230, and
12 60-6,231, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.