

HOUSE BILL No. 2522

By Committee on Transportation

Requested by Michael White on behalf of the Kansas Contractors Association

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1 AN ACT concerning traffic regulations; relating to lighting equipment on
2 vehicles; permitting highway construction and maintenance vehicles to
3 be equipped with flashing amber, white and green lights in road
4 construction zones and flashing blue and white lights under certain
5 conditions; amending K.S.A. 8-1729 and 8-1731 and repealing the
6 existing sections.
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8 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

9 Section 1. K.S.A. 8-1729 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-
10 1729. (a) During the times specified in K.S.A. 8-1703, and amendments
11 thereto, any lighted lamp or illuminating device upon a motor vehicle,
12 other than head lamps, spot lamps, auxiliary lamps, flashing turn signals,
13 vehicular hazard warning lamps and school bus warning lamps that
14 projects a beam of light of an intensity greater than 300 candlepower shall
15 be so directed that no part of the high intensity portion of the beam will
16 strike the level of the roadway on which the vehicle stands at a distance of
17 more than 75 feet from the vehicle.

18 (b) Except as required or permitted in K.S.A. 8-1720 and 8-1730, and
19 amendments thereto, or K.S.A. 8-1762, and amendments thereto, no
20 person shall drive or move any vehicle or equipment upon any highway
21 with any lamp or device capable of displaying a red light visible from
22 directly in front of the center thereof, nor shall any vehicle or equipment
23 upon any highway have any lamp or device displaying any color of light
24 visible from directly in front of the center thereof except white or amber or
25 any shade of color between white and amber.

26 (c) Flashing lights are prohibited except as authorized or required in
27 K.S.A. 8-1717, 8-1720, 8-1721, 8-1722, 8-1723, 8-1730, 8-1730a and 8-
28 1731, and amendments thereto.

29 (d) *Except as provided in K.S.A. 8-1731, and amendments thereto,* the
30 flashing lights described in K.S.A. 8-1720, 8-1730 and 8-1730a, and
31 amendments thereto, shall not be used on any vehicle other than a school
32 bus, church bus or day care program bus, as defined in K.S.A. 8-1730a,
33 and amendments thereto, or an authorized emergency vehicle.

34 (e) All lighting devices and reflectors mounted on the rear of any
35 vehicle shall display or reflect a red color, except the stop light or other

1 signal device, ~~which~~ *that* may be red, amber or yellow, and except that the
2 light illuminating the license plate shall be white and the light emitted by a
3 back-up lamp shall be white or amber.

4 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 8-1731 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-1731.

5 *(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of K.S.A. 8-1729, and amendments*
6 *thereto, vehicles engaged in highway construction and maintenance*
7 *operations may display flashing, rotating or oscillating amber, green or*
8 *white lights at all times in a road construction zone. Such lights may be*
9 *displayed by themselves or in a combination of two or three of such lights.*

10 *(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of K.S.A. 8-1729, and*
11 *amendments thereto, stationary vehicles engaged in highway construction*
12 *and maintenance operations may display flashing, rotating or oscillating*
13 *white and blue lights in a road construction zone under the following*
14 *conditions:*

15 *(1) The lights are used during the hours between sunset and sunrise;*
16 *and*

17 *(2) There are workers present in such road construction zone.*

18 *(c) The secretary of transportation shall adopt rules or regulations*
19 *establishing specifications and rules governing the design and use of*
20 *special flashing lights on vehicles engaged in highway construction or*
21 *maintenance operations in accordance with the provisions of this section.*

22 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 8-1729 and 8-1731 are hereby repealed.

23 Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
24 publication in the statute book.