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92ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 304, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to traffic signal preemption systems, with penalty provisions.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 304, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 304.031, to read as follows:

304.031. 1. As used in this section, "Traffic Signal Preemption System (TSPS)" shall mean a traffic-control system designated for use by emergency vehicles, as defined in section 304.031, to improve traffic movement by temporarily controlling signalized intersections.

2. The owner of a traffic control signal may authorize use of a TSPS by the following persons for the following purposes:

(1) An authorized operator in an authorized emergency vehicle, in order to improve the safety and efficiency of emergency response operations;

(2) An authorized operator in a bus, in order to interrupt the cycle of the traffic control signal in such a way as to keep the green light showing for longer than it otherwise would;

(3) An authorized operator in a traffic signal maintenance vehicle, in order to facilitate traffic signal maintenance activities.

3. A TSPS used by an authorized person in an emergency vehicle shall preempt and override a device operated by any other person.

4. A traffic control signal operating device used as authorized under this section must operate in such a way that the device does not continue to control the signal once the vehicle containing the device has arrived at the intersection, regardless of whether the vehicle remains at the intersection.

5. It shall be unlawful for any person not approved herein to use a TSPS to

control traffic.

    6. Violation of this section shall be deemed a class B misdemeanor.

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