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SENATE BILL NO. 1252

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR HUDSON.

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KRISTINA MARTIN, Secretary

AN ACT

To repeal section 307.175, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to canine search and rescue teams, with penalty provisions.

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

Section A. Section 307.175, RSMo, is repealed and one new
2 section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 307.175,
3 to read as follows:

307.175. 1. Motor vehicles and equipment which are
2 operated by any member of an organized fire department,
3 ambulance association, or rescue squad, **including a canine**
4 **search and rescue team**, whether paid or volunteer, may be
5 operated on streets and highways in this state as an
6 emergency vehicle under the provisions of section 304.022
7 while responding to a fire call [or], ambulance call, **or an**
8 **emergency call requiring search and rescue operations**, or at
9 the scene of a fire call [or], ambulance call, **or an**
10 **emergency call requiring search and rescue operations**, and
11 while using or sounding a warning siren and using or
12 displaying thereon fixed, flashing or rotating blue lights,
13 but sirens and blue lights shall be used only in bona fide
14 emergencies.

15 2. (1) Notwithstanding subsection 1 of this section,
16 the following vehicles may use or display fixed, flashing,
17 or rotating red or red and blue lights:

EXPLANATION-Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

18 (a) Emergency vehicles, as defined in section 304.022,
19 when responding to an emergency;

20 (b) Vehicles operated as described in subsection 1 of
21 this section;

22 (c) Vehicles and equipment owned or leased by a
23 contractor or subcontractor performing work for the
24 department of transportation, except that the red or red and
25 blue lights shall be displayed on vehicles or equipment
26 described in this paragraph only between dusk and dawn, when
27 such vehicles or equipment are stationary, such vehicles or
28 equipment are located in a work zone as defined in section
29 304.580, highway workers as defined in section 304.580 are
30 present, and such work zone is designated by a sign or
31 signs. No more than two vehicles or pieces of equipment in
32 a work zone may display fixed, flashing, or rotating lights
33 under this subdivision;

34 (d) Vehicles and equipment owned, leased, or operated
35 by a coroner, medical examiner, or forensic investigator of
36 the county medical examiner's office or a similar entity,
37 when responding to a crime scene, motor vehicle accident,
38 workplace accident, or any location at which the services of
39 such professionals have been requested by a law enforcement
40 officer.

41 (2) The following vehicles and equipment may use or
42 display fixed, flashing, or rotating amber or amber and
43 white lights:

44 (a) Vehicles and equipment owned or leased by the
45 state highways and transportation commission and operated by
46 an authorized employee of the department of transportation;

47 (b) Vehicles and equipment owned or leased by a
48 contractor or subcontractor performing work for the
49 department of transportation, except that the amber or amber

50 and white lights shall be displayed on vehicles described in
51 this paragraph only when such vehicles or equipment are
52 located in a work zone as defined in section 304.580,
53 highway workers as defined in section 304.580 are present,
54 and such work zone is designated by a sign or signs;

55 (c) Vehicles and equipment operated by a utility
56 worker performing work for the utility, except that the
57 amber or amber and white lights shall be displayed on
58 vehicles described in this paragraph only when such vehicles
59 are stationary, such vehicles or equipment are located in a
60 work zone as defined in section 304.580, a utility worker is
61 present, and such work zone is designated by a sign or
62 signs. As used in this paragraph, the term "utility worker"
63 means any employee while in performance of his or her job
64 duties, including any person employed under contract of a
65 utility that provides gas, heat, electricity, water, steam,
66 telecommunications or cable services, or sewer services,
67 whether privately, municipally, or cooperatively owned.

68 3. Permits for the operation of such vehicles equipped
69 with sirens or blue lights shall be in writing and shall be
70 issued and may be revoked by the chief of an organized fire
71 department, organized ambulance association, rescue squad,
72 or the state highways and transportation commission and no
73 person shall use or display a siren or blue lights on a
74 motor vehicle, fire, ambulance, or rescue equipment without
75 a valid permit authorizing the use. A permit to use a siren
76 or lights as heretofore set out does not relieve the
77 operator of the vehicle so equipped with complying with all
78 other traffic laws and regulations. Violation of this
79 section constitutes a class A misdemeanor.

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