



State of Tennessee
PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 733

HOUSE BILL NO. 2644

By Representative Swann

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 3266

By Senator Tracy

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-9-402, relative to lights on tow trucks.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-9-402(d)(1), is amended by deleting the language "No vehicle" and by substituting instead the language "Except as provided in this section, no vehicle".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-9-402(e)(1), is amended by designating the existing language as subdivision (e)(1)(A) and by adding the following language to be designated as subdivision (e)(1)(B):

(B) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a recovery vehicle designed for towing a disabled vehicle, as defined in § 55-8-132, while in the performance of duties involved with towing an abandoned, immobile, disabled or unattended motor vehicle is authorized to display an amber light that is a strobe, flashing, oscillating or revolving system or any combination of white and amber lights. Such authorized light or lights may be displayed on any location on the vehicle or equipment, other than within the headlight assembly or grill area of the vehicle, in the tail light lamp or stoplight area, or factory installed emergency flasher and backup light area.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-9-402(d)(3), is amended by inserting the language "a highway maintenance or utility vehicle, or a" between the words "other than" and the words "a passenger motor vehicle".

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: MARCH 29, 2012

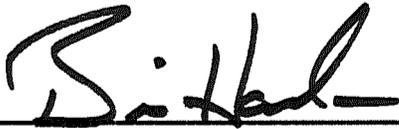


BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



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SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 16th day of April 2012



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR