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SENATE BILL DRS15288-MW-114

Short Title: Blue Lights for Members of Congress. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators McKissick and Britt (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE MEMBERS OF CONGRESS THE USE OF A BLUE LIGHT ON
3 THEIR VEHICLES IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR OFFICIAL DUTIES.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 20-130.1(c) reads as rewritten:

6 "(c) It is unlawful for any person to possess a blue light or to install, activate, or operate a
7 blue light in or on any vehicle in this State, except for (i) a publicly owned vehicle used for law
8 enforcement ~~purposes or purposes,~~ (ii) any other vehicle when used by law enforcement officers
9 in the performance of their official ~~duties.~~ duties, or (iii) a vehicle used by a member of Congress,
10 with a special U.S. Representative or U.S. Senator registration plate as authorized by
11 G.S. 20-79.4(b), in the performance of the member's official duties. As used in this subsection,
12 unless the context requires otherwise, "blue light" means any blue light installed on a vehicle
13 after initial manufacture of the vehicle; or an operable blue light which:

- 14 (1) Is not (i) being installed on, held in inventory for the purpose of being installed
15 on, or held in inventory for the purpose of sale for installation on a vehicle on
16 which it may be lawfully operated or (ii) installed on a vehicle which is used
17 solely for the purpose of demonstrating the blue light for sale to law
18 enforcement personnel;
- 19 (1a) Is designed for use by an emergency vehicle, or is similar in appearance to a
20 blue light designed for use by an emergency vehicle; and
- 21 (2) Can be operated by use of the vehicle's battery, the vehicle's electrical system,
22 or a dry cell battery."

23 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.



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