

1 SENATE BILL NO. 111  
2 INTRODUCED BY D. LOGE

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT LIMITING THE USE OF GREEN LIGHTS ON PUBLIC HIGHWAYS  
5 TO SNOW REMOVAL EQUIPMENT OPERATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OR  
6 ANOTHER GOVERNMENT ENTITY AND TO ON-SCENE INCIDENT COMMANDERS; AND AMENDING  
7 SECTION 61-9-226, MCA."

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9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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11 (Refer to Introduced Bill)

12 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert:

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14 **SECTION 1. SECTION 61-9-226, MCA, IS AMENDED TO READ:**

15 **"61-9-226. Special restrictions on lamps -- definition.** (1) A lighted lamp or illuminating device upon  
16 a motor vehicle other than headlamps, spot lamps, auxiliary lamps, or flashing turn signals, emergency vehicle  
17 warning lamps, and school bus warning lamps that projects a beam of light of an intensity greater than 300  
18 candlepower must be so directed that the high intensity portion of the beam may not strike the level of the  
19 roadway on which the vehicle stands at a distance of more than 75 feet from the vehicle.

20 (2) A person may not drive or move a vehicle or equipment upon a highway with:

21 (a) a lamp or device displaying a red light visible from in front of the center of the vehicle. This  
22 section does not apply to a vehicle upon which a red light visible from the front is expressly authorized or  
23 required by this code.

24 (b) green lights that are flashing, rotational, or continuous, except for vehicles that are authorized  
25 by this chapter to contain the lights, including:

26 (i) snow-removal equipment operated by the department of transportation or another government  
27 entity; and

28 (ii) a police or authorized emergency vehicle that is an on-scene incident command or control

1 vehicle.

2           (3)     Flashing, blinking, sequential, rotating, or pulsating lights are prohibited except on vehicles that  
3 are authorized by this chapter to contain the lights or on a vehicle as a means for indicating a right or left turn or  
4 the presence of a vehicular traffic hazard requiring unusual care in approaching, overtaking, or passing.

5           (4)     License plate decorative lighting that is not original manufacturer's equipment or undercarriage  
6 decorative lighting that rotates, flashes, or oscillates or that displays a color authorized by this chapter for use  
7 by police vehicles and authorized emergency vehicles may not be illuminated on a vehicle that is operated  
8 upon a highway or street.

9           (5)     As used in this section "school bus" has the meaning provided in 20-10-101."

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