

House Bill 1287 (AM)

By: Representatives Snow of the 1<sup>st</sup>, Day of the 126<sup>th</sup>, and Parham of the 94<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 5 of Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia  
2 Annotated, relating to equipment of law enforcement and emergency vehicles, so as to  
3 provide for restrictions with respect to the use of certain lights; to provide for applicability;  
4 to provide for criminal penalties; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Part 5 of Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
8 relating to equipment of law enforcement and emergency vehicles, is amended by adding a  
9 new Code section immediately following Code Section 40-8-94, to be designated Code  
10 Section 40-8-94.1, to read as follows:

11 "40-8-94.1.

12 (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to operate any motor vehicle equipped with or  
13 containing a device capable of producing any red or blue lights, whether flashing, blinking,  
14 revolving, or stationary with the intent to emulate public safety personnel.

15 (b) It shall be unlawful for any person to operate any motor vehicle equipped with or  
16 containing a device, other than a high beam/low beam manual dimmer switch, capable of  
17 producing a flashing or strobing headlight or a flashing or strobing corner light.

18 (c) This Code section shall not apply to:

19 (1) Motor vehicles being used by any law enforcement agency, fire department,  
20 emergency management agency, school buses, vehicles transporting household, industrial  
21 or hazardous waste and emergency medical vehicles;

22 (2) Parking lights or brake lights; or

23 (3) Motor vehicles with a permit granted by a state agency to bear such lights.

24 (d) Any person who violates subsection (a) or (b) of this Code section shall be guilty of  
25 a misdemeanor."

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**SECTION 2.**

2 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.