

HOUSE BILL 2644

By Swann

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), is amended in subdivision (1) by deleting in its entirety the first sentence and by substituting instead the following:

No vehicle operated in this state shall be equipped with any flashing white or amber lights or any combination of white and amber lights that display to the front of the vehicle except a tow truck responding to the scene of an incident at the request of a law enforcement officer, a passenger motor vehicle operated by an organ procurement organization or a person under an agreement with an organ procurement organization when transporting an organ for human transplantation.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-9-402(d), is further amended by deleting subdivision (3) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(3) Any vehicle other than a tow truck responding to the scene of an incident at the request of a law enforcement officer, a passenger motor vehicle operated by an organ procurement organization or a person under an agreement with an organ procurement organization when transporting an organ for human transplantation, authorized by this section to display flashing white or amber lights or white and amber lights, that displays any such lights shall be considered in violation of this subsection (d).

(4) Any vehicle, other than a school bus, a passenger motor vehicle operated by a rural mail carrier of the United States postal service while performing the duties of a rural mail carrier or an emergency vehicle authorized by this section to display flashing

red or red/white lights, or authorized law enforcement vehicles using red, white, and blue lights in combination, that displays any such lights shall be considered in violation of this subsection (d).

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012, the public welfare requiring it.