

HOUSE BILL No. 2481

By Committee on Transportation

1-23

1 AN ACT concerning motor vehicles; relating to police vehicles; allowing
2 police vehicles to equip blue-only lights; amending K.S.A. 2019 Supp.
3 8-1720 and repealing the existing section.

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5 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

6 Section 1. K.S.A. 2019 Supp. 8-1720 is hereby amended to read as
7 follows: 8-1720. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), every authorized
8 emergency vehicle, in addition to any other equipment required by this act,
9 shall be equipped with signal lamps mounted as high and as widely spaced
10 laterally as practicable, ~~which that~~ shall be capable of displaying to the
11 front two alternately flashing red lights located at the same level and to the
12 rear two alternately flashing red lights located at the same level, or in lieu
13 thereof, any such authorized emergency vehicle shall be equipped with at
14 least one rotating or oscillating light, ~~which that~~ shall be mounted as high
15 as practicable on such vehicle and ~~which~~ shall display to the front and rear
16 of such vehicle a flashing red light or alternate flashes of red and white
17 lights or red and blue lights in combination. All lights required or
18 authorized by this subsection shall have sufficient intensity to be visible at
19 500 feet in normal sunlight. Every authorized emergency vehicle may, but
20 need not, be equipped with head lamps ~~which that~~ alternately flash or
21 simultaneously flash.

22 (b) A police vehicle when used as an authorized emergency vehicle
23 may, but need not, be equipped with:

24 (1) Head lamps ~~which that~~ alternately flash or simultaneously flash;
25 (2) flashing lights specified in subsection (a), but any flashing lights,
26 used on a police vehicle, other than the flashing lights specified in K.S.A.
27 8-1722, and amendments thereto, rotating or oscillating lights or
28 alternately flashing head lamps or simultaneously flashing head lamps,
29 shall be red *or blue* in color; or

30 (3) rotating or oscillating lights, ~~which that~~ may display a flashing red
31 light, *a flashing blue light* or alternate flashes of red and blue lights in
32 combination.

33 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2019 Supp. 8-1720 is hereby repealed.

34 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
35 publication in the statute book.