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A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to authorized emergency vehicles; to amend
2 sections 55-133, 60-610, 60-6,230, and 60-6,231, Reissue
3 Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to authorize the designation
4 of certain vehicles as military emergency vehicles; to
5 modify terms; to authorize use of lights for convoy control
6 purposes; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the
7 original sections.

8 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 55-133, Reissue Revised Statutes of
2 Nebraska, is amended to read:

3 55-133. (1) The Adjutant General shall assign to each
4 organization an armory and such other equipment as may be necessary to
5 comply with the requirements of United States laws or regulations for
6 National Guard units allotted to the State of Nebraska.

7 (2)(a) The Adjutant General may designate any publicly
8 owned military vehicles of the National Guard described in subdivision
9 (b) of this subsection as military emergency vehicles. Military
10 emergency vehicles shall be operated as emergency vehicles only when
11 responding to a public disaster, war, riot, invasion, insurrection,
12 resistance of process, or in case of imminent danger of the
13 occurrence of any of such events. The Adjutant General shall develop
14 and enforce standard operating procedures for military emergency
15 vehicles.

16 (b) Vehicles eligible for designation as military emergency
17 vehicles shall be limited to vehicles assigned to:

18 (i) The Civil Support Team, or any successor unit; and

19 (ii) The chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and
20 high-yield explosives enhanced response force package, commonly known
21 as the CERFP unit, or any successor unit.

22 Sec. 2. Section 60-610, Reissue Revised Statutes of
23 Nebraska, is amended to read:

24 60-610. Authorized emergency vehicle shall mean such fire
25 department vehicles, police vehicles, and ambulances as are publicly
26 owned, ~~and~~ such other publicly or privately owned vehicles as are
27 designated by the Director of Motor Vehicles, and publicly owned

1 military vehicles of the National Guard as are designated by the
2 Adjutant General pursuant to section 55-133.

3 Sec. 3. Section 60-6,230, Reissue Revised Statutes of
4 Nebraska, is amended to read:

5 60-6,230. (1) Except as provided in sections 60-6,231 to
6 60-6,233 and subsections (4) and (5) of this section, no person shall
7 operate any motor vehicle or any equipment of any description on any
8 highway in this state with any rotating or flashing light.

9 (2) Except for stop lights and directional signals, which
10 may be red, yellow, or amber, no person shall display any color of
11 light other than red on the rear of any motor vehicle or any equipment
12 of any kind on any highway within this state.

13 (3) ~~Blue and green lights may~~ Amber rotating or flashing
14 lights shall be displayed on vehicles of the Military Department for
15 purpose of convoy control when on any state emergency mission.

16 (4) A single flashing white light may be displayed on the
17 roof of school transportation vehicles during extremely adverse
18 weather conditions.

19 (5) Blue and amber rotating or flashing lights may be
20 displayed on vehicles used for the movement of snow when operated by
21 the Department of Roads or any local authority.

22 Sec. 4. Section 60-6,231, Reissue Revised Statutes of
23 Nebraska, is amended to read:

24 60-6,231. A flashing or rotating red light or red and white
25 light shall be displayed on any emergency vehicle whenever operated in
26 this state. A blue light may also be displayed with such flashing or
27 rotating red light or red and white light. For purposes of this

1 section, any ~~publicly owned police, fire, or rescue vehicles and~~
2 ~~publicly or privately owned ambulances~~ authorized emergency vehicles
3 and funeral escort vehicles shall be considered to be emergency
4 vehicles.

5 Sec. 5. Original sections 55-133, 60-610, 60-6,230, and
6 60-6,231, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.