VEHICLE CODE (75 PA.C.S.) - FLASHING OR REVOLVING YELLOW AND WHITE LIGHTS

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AN ACT

Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in other required equipment, further providing for flashing or revolving yellow and white lights.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

- Section 1. Section 4572.1 of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:
- § 4572.1. Flashing or revolving [yellow and white] lights on tow trucks.
 - (a) [General rule. -- Tow] Colored lights. --
 - (1) Subject to subsection (b), tow trucks may be equipped with one or more flashing or revolving yellow lights and one or more flashing or revolving white lights. The manner in which the light or lights shall be displayed shall be determined by regulation of the department.
 - (2) Subject to subsection (b.1), tow trucks may be equipped with one or more flashing or revolving yellow lights and one or more flashing or revolving blue lights. The blue lights shall only be equipped in the rear of the vehicle.
- (b) Limitations on white lights.—The flashing or revolving yellow and white lights under subsection (a)(1) on tow trucks shall be activated only when the vehicle is actively performing the type of work which is the basis of the designation of the vehicle as an authorized vehicle or is within the vicinity of an emergency response area. Tow trucks shall not operate with activated flashing or revolving yellow and white lights under subsection (a)(1) when:
 - (1) Not engaged in the act of towing a vehicle.
 - (2) Brake lights, turn signals and operating lights are visible from the rear and not obstructed.
 - (3) The vehicle being towed does not trail behind the tow truck and is securely positioned on the flatbed of the tow truck with no parts of the towed vehicle overhanging.
- (b.1) Limitations on blue lights.-- A tow truck may only operate with blue lights under subsection (a)(2) while the tow truck is stationary on the side of the road or highway while responding to a disabled vehicle. A tow truck shall not operate with blue lights under subsection (a)(2) at any time while the tow truck is in motion.
- (c) Penalty.--Unauthorized use of the lights specified in this subsection shall be a summary offense punishable by a fine of \$50.
- Section 2. All regulations and parts of regulations are abrogated to the extent of any inconsistency with the provisions of this act.
 - Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

APPROVED--The 3rd day of November, A.D. 2022.
TOM WOLF