

## LEGISLATIVE BILL 196

Approved by the Governor February 13, 2008

Introduced by Schimek, 27.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

60-610 Authorized emergency vehicle shall mean such fire department vehicles, police vehicles, rescue vehicles, and ambulances as are publicly owned, and such other publicly or privately owned vehicles as are designated by the Director of Motor Vehicles, and such publicly owned military vehicles of the National Guard as are designated by the Adjutant General pursuant to section 55-133.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

60-6,231 A flashing or rotating red light or red and white light shall be displayed on any authorized emergency vehicle whenever operated in this state. A blue light may also be displayed with such flashing or rotating red light or red and white light. For purposes of this section, any publicly owned police, fire, or rescue vehicles and publicly or privately owned ambulances and funeral escort vehicles shall be considered to be emergency an authorized emergency vehicle shall include funeral escort vehicles.

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