

SENATE BILL No. 425

By Committee on Federal and State Affairs

2-19

1 AN ACT concerning crimes and punishment; unlawful operation of a
2 motor vehicle that resembles an emergency medical services vehicle.

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

5 Section 1. (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly
6 operate a motor vehicle that resembles an emergency medical services
7 vehicle, unless the person is operating the motor vehicle:

8 (1) As an emergency medical services vehicle operated by an
9 ambulance service permitted by the emergency medical services board
10 under the provisions of K.S.A. 65-6101 et seq., and amendments thereto;
11 or

12 (2) for other legitimate governmental functions, including, but not
13 limited to, police or firefighting services.

14 (b) Violation of this section is class A nonperson misdemeanor.

15 (c) A motor vehicle resembles an emergency medical services vehicle
16 if the motor vehicle has on the exterior of the motor vehicle any of the
17 following markings or features:

18 (1) The word "ambulance" or a derivation of that word;

19 (2) a star of life as trademarked by the national highway traffic safety
20 administration;

21 (3) a Maltese cross commonly used by fire departments;

22 (4) forward-facing flashing red, white or blue lights;

23 (5) a siren;

24 (6) the words "critical care transport," "emergency," "emergency
25 medical services," "paramedic," "mobile intensive care unit" or
26 "paramedic unit," or a derivation of those words; or

27 (7) the acronym "EMS" or "MICU."

28 (d) The provisions of this section shall not apply to a motor vehicle
29 bearing a license plate issued or approved pursuant to K.S.A. 8-172 or
30 K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 8-1,155 or 8-1,159, and amendments thereto.

31 (e) This section shall be part of and supplemental to the Kansas
32 criminal code.

33 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
34 publication in the statute book.