

1 AN ACT relating to motor vehicle equipment.

2 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 189.950 is amended to read as follows:

4 (1) No motor vehicle, except those designated under KRS 189.910 to 189.950 as
5 emergency vehicles, shall be equipped with, nor shall any person use upon a
6 vehicle, any siren, whistle, or bell. Any vehicle may be equipped with a theft alarm
7 signal device which shall be so arranged that it cannot be used as an ordinary
8 warning signal.

9 (2) No motor vehicle, except those designated under KRS 189.910 to 189.950 as
10 emergency vehicles, shall be equipped with, nor shall any person use upon a vehicle
11 any red or blue flashing, revolving, or oscillating light or place a red light on the
12 front thereof. This subsection shall not apply to the use of red flashing lights on
13 school buses or to stop lights or turn signals at the rear of any motor vehicle.

14 (3) **Except as otherwise provided for in this section, a person shall not illuminate a**
15 **blue light that is affixed to a motor vehicle while operating the motor vehicle on a**
16 **highway. This subsection shall not apply to:**

17 **(a) Any light on a motorcycle that is not affixed to the front of the motorcycle;**

18 **or**

19 **(b) Nonhalogen headlamps that have a slight blue tint and meet United States**
20 **Department of Transportation regulations.**

21 **(4)** No motor vehicle, except those designated under KRS 189.910 to 189.950 as public
22 safety vehicles, shall be equipped with, nor shall any person use upon any vehicle
23 any yellow flashing, revolving, or oscillating light. This subsection shall not apply
24 to the use of yellow lights for turn signals; or to emergency flasher lights for use
25 when warning the operators of other vehicles of the presence of a vehicular traffic
26 requiring the exercise of unusual care in approaching, overtaking, or passing; or to
27 vehicles operated by mail carriers while on duty; funeral escort vehicles and church

1 buses.

2 ~~(5)~~~~(4)~~ Any person who is a regular or voluntary member of any fire department
3 furnishing fire protection for a political subdivision of the state or any person who is
4 a regular or voluntary member of a rescue squad may equip his vehicle with red
5 flashing, rotating, or oscillating lights and a siren, bell, or exhaust whistle if he has
6 first been given permission, in writing, to do so by the chief of the fire department
7 or rescue squad. He may use such lights and equipment only while proceeding to
8 the scene of a fire or other emergency or to a location where another emergency
9 vehicle is on emergency call in the performance of his official duties as a member
10 of a fire department or rescue squad.

11 ~~(6)~~~~(5)~~ Any constable may, upon approval of the fiscal court in the county of
12 jurisdiction, equip vehicles used by said officer as emergency vehicles with one (1)
13 or more flashing, rotating or oscillating blue lights, visible under normal
14 atmospheric condition from a distance of five hundred (500) feet to the front of such
15 vehicle, and a siren, whistle or bell, capable of emitting a sound audible under
16 normal conditions from a distance of not less than five hundred (500) feet. This
17 equipment shall be in addition to any other equipment required by the motor vehicle
18 laws. Any constable authorized by the fiscal court to utilize blue lights and a siren
19 pursuant to this section shall maintain at least the insurance described by KRS
20 304.39-110.

21 ~~(7)~~~~(6)~~ Any person who is a paid or voluntary member of any ambulance service
22 furnishing emergency medical services for a political subdivision of the state may
23 equip his vehicle with red flashing, rotating, or oscillating lights and a siren, bell, or
24 exhaust whistle if he has first been given permission, in writing, to do so by the
25 chief or director of the ambulance service. He may use such lights and equipment
26 only while proceeding to the scene of an emergency, a medical facility, or to a
27 location where another emergency vehicle is on emergency call in the performance

1 of his official duties as a member of the ambulance service.

2 ➔Section 2. KRS 189.993 is amended to read as follows:

- 3 (1) Any person who violates KRS 189.045 shall be fined not less than one hundred
4 dollars (\$100) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
- 5 (2) Any person convicted of violating any of the provisions of KRS 189.095 shall be
6 fined sixty dollars (\$60) and costs of prosecution.
- 7 (3) Any person who violates any provision of KRS 189.205 shall be fined not less than
8 twenty dollars (\$20) nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100).
- 9 (4) Any person who violates any provision of KRS 189.375 shall be fined not less than
10 twenty dollars (\$20) nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100).
- 11 (5) Any person who violates KRS 189.505 shall be fined not less than sixty dollars
12 (\$60) nor more than two hundred dollars (\$200) or be imprisoned for not more than
13 thirty (30) days, or both.
- 14 (6) Any person found violating any provision of KRS 189.820 or 189.830 is guilty of a
15 misdemeanor and shall be fined not less than twenty dollars (\$20) nor more than
16 thirty-five dollars (\$35).
- 17 (7) Any person who violates KRS 189.920 shall be fined not less than one hundred
18 dollars (\$100) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000), or imprisoned in the
19 county jail for not more than thirty (30) days, or both. In the case of a private
20 vehicle not authorized to use emergency lights under KRS 189.920, all lighting and
21 other equipment used in violation of KRS 189.910 to 189.950 shall be confiscated
22 and forfeited to the county in which the offense occurred.
- 23 (8) Any person who violates KRS 189.930 shall be fined not less than sixty dollars
24 (\$60) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500), or be imprisoned in the county jail
25 for not more than thirty (30) days, or both.
- 26 (9) Any person who violates KRS 189.940 shall be fined not less than sixty dollars
27 (\$60) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or be imprisoned in the county

1 jail for not more than six (6) months, or both. In the case of a private vehicle, **except**
2 **as outlined in subsection (11) of this section,** all lighting and other equipment used
3 in violation of KRS 189.910 to 189.950 shall be confiscated and forfeited to the
4 county in which the offense occurred.

5 (10) If a member of a regular or volunteer fire department, ambulance service, or rescue
6 squad violates any provisions of subsection (6) of KRS 189.940, he shall, in
7 addition to any other penalty provided under KRS 189.990 or this section, be
8 immediately dismissed from his membership or employment with the fire
9 department, ambulance service, or rescue squad and shall be disqualified from being
10 employed by or being a member of any fire department, ambulance service, or
11 rescue squad in the Commonwealth for a period of three (3) years. Upon conviction
12 of a second offense he shall be permanently barred from employment or
13 membership in any fire department, ambulance service, rescue squad, police
14 department, or sheriff's office in the Commonwealth, nor shall he be permitted to
15 operate any public safety vehicle as defined in KRS 189.910.

16 (11) **(a) Any person who violates subsection (3) of Section 1 of this Act shall be**
17 **fined one hundred dollars (\$100) for the first offense, two hundred dollars**
18 **(\$200) for the second offense, and one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for each**
19 **subsequent offense.**

20 **(b) Except as provided in paragraph (a) of this subsection,** any person who
21 violates KRS 189.950 shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars (\$100)
22 nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or be imprisoned in the county
23 jail for not more than thirty (30) days, or both. In the case of a privately owned
24 vehicle, all lighting and other equipment used or installed in violation of KRS
25 189.910 to 189.950 shall be confiscated and forfeited to the county in which
26 the offense occurred.

27 (12) Any person who violates any provision of this chapter for which no penalty is

1 otherwise provided shall, upon conviction, be fined not less than twenty dollars
2 (\$20) nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100) for each offense, except that no
3 penalty shall be assessed for a violation of KRS 189.580(1)(b) or (6)(b).

4 (13) No producer or processor of natural resources shall allow the transporting of natural
5 resources over the highways of the Commonwealth in excess of the weight limits
6 without possessing a resource recovery road hauling permit. Violation for hauling in
7 excess of prescribed limits without possession of a permit or transporting natural
8 resources over prescribed limits of the resource recovery road hauling permit shall
9 be not less than five hundred dollars (\$500) nor more than one thousand dollars
10 (\$1,000) for each violation and shall be deposited in the resource recovery road
11 fund.