

HOUSE BILL 1568

By Swann

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 9, Part 4, relative to equipment on motor vehicles transporting organs for human transplantation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-9-402(d), is amended by deleting subdivision (1) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

(1) No vehicle operated in this state shall be equipped with any flashing red or white light or any combination of red or white lights that displays to the front of the vehicle except school buses, a passenger motor vehicle operated by a rural mail carrier of the United States postal service while performing the duties of a rural mail carrier, a passenger motor vehicle operated by an organ procurement organization or a person under an agreement with an organ procurement organization when transporting an organ for human transplantation, authorized law enforcement vehicles only when used in combination with a flashing blue light, and emergency vehicles used in firefighting, including ambulances, emergency vehicles used in firefighting that are owned or operated by the division of forestry, firefighting vehicles, rescue vehicles, privately owned vehicles of regular or volunteer firefighters certified in § 55-9-201(c), or other emergency vehicles used in firefighting owned, operated, or subsidized by the governing body of any county or municipality.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-9-402(d), is further amended by deleting subdivision (3) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

(3) Any vehicle, other than a school bus, a passenger motor vehicle operated by a rural mail carrier of the United States postal service while performing the duties of a

rural mail carrier, a passenger motor vehicle operated by an organ procurement organization or a person under an agreement with an organ procurement organization when transporting an organ for human transplantation, an emergency vehicle authorized by this section to display flashing red or white lights, or any combination of red or white lights, or authorized law enforcement vehicles using red, white, and blue lights in combination, that displays any such lights shall be considered in violation of this subsection (d).

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011, the public welfare requiring it.