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Transportation

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BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON

TRANSPORTATION BILL BY

CHAIRPERSON RITTMER)

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4 disregard laws or regulations governing the use of lighting
5 equipment on a vehicle when the driver's official duties so
6 require.

7 EXPLANATION

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9 driver of a police vehicle may disregard vehicle lighting
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11 Currently, Code section 321.231 provides that drivers of
12 authorized emergency vehicles may disregard laws and
13 regulations governing the parking and standing of vehicles,
14 direction of movement, speed limits, and certain other
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22 **SENATE FILE 446**

23 **S-3231**

24 1 Amend Senate File 446 as follows:

- 25 2 1. Page 1, lines 4 and 5, by striking the words
26 3 "lighting equipment" and inserting the following:
27 4 "head lamps, rear lamps, signal lamps, signal devices,
28 5 or directional signal devices".

By MARK ZIEMAN

29 **S-3231 FILED MARCH 26, 2001**
30 **ADOPTED (p. 818)**