

No. 135

AN ACT

HB 364

Amending the act of April 29, 1959 (P.L.58, No.32), entitled "An act consolidating and revising the Vehicle Code, the Tractor Code, the Motor Vehicle Financial Responsibility Act and other acts relating to the ownership, possession and use of vehicles and tractors," authorizing volunteer ambulance association personnel to display blue lights on the way to the ambulance garage.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Section 815, act of April 29, 1959 (P.L.58, No.32), known as "The Vehicle Code," amended August 12, 1971 (P.L.314, No.79), is amended to read:

Section 815. Blue Light Visible on Vehicles.—Volunteer firemen in accordance with a statement, containing not over sixty-five (65) names, signed by the chief of the fire company, fire department or hose company, and filed with the nearest substation of the Pennsylvania State Police, **and volunteer ambulance association personnel in traveling to the ambulance garage**, may operate or move a vehicle in answering fire or emergency calls upon a street or highway with a flashing blue light or lights, not in excess of two (2) of a flashing or revolving type, displayed on the front thereof in a manner prescribed by the secretary, except that such lights may be fastened to the vehicle so as to flash in front of or through the grille. The light shall not exceed the intensity of twenty-one (21) candle power nor shall the light exceed seven and one-half (7 ½) inches in diameter. The light shall be capable of operation inside the vehicle by the vehicle operator:

Flashing of such lights during the operation of a vehicle at any time except in answer to a fire or emergency call is prohibited.

No prior approval of such light or lights shall be necessary. Blue lights shall be removed from a vehicle within ten (10) days of receipt by the owner of a notice from the chief of the fire company, fire department or hose company **or head of the volunteer ambulance association personnel** to remove the light, the termination of a person's employment as a volunteer fireman **or volunteer ambulance personnel member**, or ceasing to use the vehicle in connection with duties as a volunteer fireman **or volunteer ambulance personnel member**.

Penalty.—Any person violating any of the provisions of this section, shall, upon summary conviction before a magistrate, be sentenced to pay a fine of ten dollars (\$10.00) and costs of prosecution, and, in default of the payment thereof, shall undergo imprisonment for not more than five (5) days, and shall not thereafter use the lights authorized by this section.

APPROVED—The 27th day of June, A. D. 1974.

MILTON J. SHAPP

The foregoing is a true and correct copy of Act of the General Assembly
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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "C. McLaughlin Tucker". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "C" and a prominent "T" at the end.

Secretary of the Commonwealth.