



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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(As Introduced)

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BILL SUMMARY

- Establishes an exception to the existing general prohibition against flashing lights on a motor vehicle by authorizing the flashing on and off of headlights, or the alternate flashing of the lower beams and the upper beams of headlights, to convey information to operators of oncoming vehicles.
- Specifies that the information conveyed by such flashing lights or flashing of lower and upper beams may include information concerning the presence of dangers, hazards, or vehicles of interest that the operators of the oncoming vehicles may be approaching.
- Specifies that such an act of flashing headlights on and off or the alternate flashing of the lower and upper beams of headlights, without more, does not constitute a violation of any provision of the Revised Code or any municipal ordinance.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Motor vehicles and flashing lights

The bill establishes an exception to the existing general prohibition against flashing lights on a motor vehicle.¹ The bill does this by authorizing the flashing on and off of headlights, or the alternate flashing of the lower beams and the upper beams of headlights, to convey information to operators of oncoming vehicles. Under the bill, the information conveyed by such flashing lights or flashing of lower and upper beams may include information concerning the presence of dangers, hazards, or vehicles of interest that the operators of the oncoming vehicles may be approaching. The bill

¹ R.C. 4513.17(C)(1).

specifies that the act of flashing headlights on and off or the alternate flashing of the lower and upper beams of headlights, without more, does not constitute a violation of any provision of the Revised Code or any municipal ordinance.²

HISTORY

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² R.C. 4513.17(E)(3).

