

| <u>S.40 (as introduced)</u> | <u>H.56 (as introduced)</u> |
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| <p>Sec. 1. 23 V.S.A. § 1252 is amended to read:</p> <p>§ 1252. ISSUANCE OF PERMITS FOR SIRENS OR COLORED LAMPS, OR BOTH; USE OF AMBER LAMPS</p> <p>(a) When satisfied as to the condition and use of the vehicle, the Commissioner shall issue and may revoke, for cause, permits for sirens or <u>and</u> colored signal lamps in the following manner:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> | <p>Sec. 1. 23 V.S.A. § 1252 is amended to read:</p> <p>§ 1252. ISSUANCE OF PERMITS FOR SIRENS OR COLORED LAMPS, OR BOTH; USE OF AMBER LAMPS</p> <p>(a) When satisfied as to the condition and use of the vehicle, the Commissioner shall issue and may revoke, for cause, permits for sirens or <u>and</u> colored signal lamps in the following manner:</p> <p>(1)(A) Sirens or, blue <u>signal lamps</u>, or blue and white signal lamps, or a combination <u>of these thereof</u>, may be authorized for all law enforcement vehicles owned or leased by a law enforcement agency, a certified law enforcement officer, or the Vermont Criminal Justice Council.</p> <p><u>(B) A red signal lamp or an amber signal lamp, or a combination thereof, may be authorized for all law enforcement vehicles owned or leased by a law enforcement agency, a certified law enforcement officer, or the Vermont Criminal Justice Council, provided that the Commissioner shall require the lamp or lamps be mounted so as to be visible primarily from the rear of the vehicle.</u></p> <p><u>(C)</u> If the applicant is a constable, the application shall be accompanied by a certification by the town clerk that the applicant is the duly elected or appointed constable and attesting that the town has not voted to limit the constable's authority to engage in enforcement activities under 24 V.S.A. § 1936a.</p> |

(2)(A) Sirens and red or red and white signal lamps may be authorized for all ambulances, ~~fire apparatus and other emergency medical service (EMS) vehicles, vehicles owned or leased by a fire department,~~ vehicles used solely in rescue operations, or vehicles owned or leased by, or provided to, volunteer firefighters and voluntary rescue squad members, including a vehicle owned by a volunteer's employer when the volunteer has the written authorization of the employer to use the vehicle for emergency fire or rescue activities.

(B) One blue signal lamp
may be authorized for all EMS vehicles or vehicles owned or leased by a fire department, provided that the Commissioner shall require the lamp _____ be mounted so as to be visible primarily from the rear of the vehicle **and only used when the vehicle is parked.**

(3) ~~No vehicle may be authorized a permit for more than one of the combinations described in subdivisions (1) and (2) of this subsection. [Repealed.]~~

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(B) **A blue signal lamp or an amber signal lamp, or a combination thereof,** may be authorized for all EMS vehicles or vehicles owned or leased by a fire department, provided that the Commissioner shall require the lamp **or lamps** be mounted so as to be visible primarily from the rear of the vehicle.

(3) ~~No vehicle may be authorized a permit for more than one of the combinations described in subdivisions (1) and (2) of this subsection. [Repealed.]~~

(4) No motor vehicle, other than one owned by the applicant, shall be issued a permit until the Commissioner has recorded the information regarding both the owner of the vehicle and the applicant for the permit.

(5) Upon application to the Commissioner, the Commissioner may issue a single permit for all the vehicles owned or leased by the applicant.

(6) Sirens and red or red and white signal lamps; or sirens and blue or blue and white signal lamps; may be authorized for restored emergency or enforcement vehicles used for exhibition

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| | <p>purposes. Sirens and lamps authorized under this subdivision may only be activated during an exhibition, such as a car show or parade.</p> <p>(b) Amber signal lamps shall be used on road maintenance vehicles, service vehicles, and wreckers and shall be used on all registered snow removal equipment when in use removing snow on public highways, and the amber lamps shall be mounted so as to be visible from all sides of the motor vehicle. A vehicle equipped with an amber signal lamp <u>Road maintenance vehicles, service vehicles, and wreckers</u> may not be issued a permit for the installation and use of a siren.</p> |
| <p>Sec. 2. 23 V.S.A. § 1255 is amended to read:</p> <p>§ 1255. EXCEPTIONS</p> <p>(a) The provisions of section 1251 of this title shall not apply to directional signal lamps of a type approved by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles.</p> <p>(b) All persons with motor vehicles equipped as provided in subdivisions 1252(a)(1) and (2) of this title shall use the sirens or colored signal lamps, or both, only in the direct performance of their official duties. When any person other than a law enforcement officer is operating a motor vehicle equipped as provided in subdivision 1252(a)(1) of this title, the colored signal lamp <u>lamps</u> shall be either removed, covered, or hooded. When any person other than an authorized ambulance emergency medical service vehicle operator, firefighter, or authorized operator of vehicles used in rescue operation <u>operations</u> is operating a motor vehicle equipped as provided in subdivision 1252(a)(2) of this title, the colored signal lamps</p> | <p>Sec. 2. 23 V.S.A. § 1255 is amended to read:</p> <p>§ 1255. EXCEPTIONS</p> <p>(a) The provisions of section 1251 of this title shall not apply to directional signal lamps of a type approved by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles.</p> <p>(b) All persons with motor vehicles equipped as provided in subdivisions 1252(a)(1) and (2) of this title shall use the sirens or colored signal lamps, or both, only in the direct performance of their official duties. When any person other than a law enforcement officer is operating a motor vehicle equipped as provided in subdivision 1252(a)(1) of this title, the colored signal lamp <u>lamps</u> shall be either removed, covered, or hooded. When any person other than an authorized ambulance emergency medical service vehicle operator, firefighter, or authorized operator of vehicles used in rescue operation <u>operations</u> is operating a motor vehicle equipped as provided in subdivision 1252(a)(2) of this title, the colored signal lamps</p> |

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