

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 461

Short Title: Blood Transporter–Use Red Lights.

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Sponsors: Representatives Robinson; Buchanan and Decker.

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Referred to: Transportation.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE USE OF RED LIGHTS ON VEHICLES  
3 TRANSPORTING BLOOD.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 Section 1. G.S. 20-140.1(b) reads as rewritten:

6 "(b) The provisions of subsection (a) of this section do not apply to the following:

- 7 (1) A police car;  
8 (2) A highway patrol car;  
9 (3) A vehicle owned by the Wildlife Resources Commission and operated  
10 exclusively for law-enforcement purposes;  
11 (4) An ambulance;  
12 (5) A vehicle used by an organ procurement organization or agency for the  
13 recovery and transportation of ~~human tissues and organs~~ blood, human  
14 tissues, or organs for transplantation;  
15 (6) A fire-fighting vehicle;  
16 (7) A school bus;  
17 (8) A vehicle operated by any member of a municipal or rural fire  
18 department in the performance of his duties, regardless of whether  
19 members of that fire department are paid or voluntary;

- 1           (9)    A vehicle of a voluntary lifesaving organization (including the private  
2           vehicles of the members of such an organization) that has been officially  
3           approved by the local police authorities and which is manned or  
4           operated by members of that organization while answering an official  
5           call;  
6           (10)   A vehicle operated by medical doctors or anesthetists in emergencies;  
7           (11)   A motor vehicle used in law enforcement by the sheriff, or any salaried  
8           rural policeman in any county, regardless of whether or not the county  
9           owns the vehicle;  
10          (11a)  A vehicle operated by the State Fire Marshal or his representatives in  
11          the performance of their duties, whether or not the State owns the  
12          vehicle;  
13          (12)   A vehicle operated by any county fire marshal, assistant fire marshal, or  
14          emergency management coordinator in the performance of his duties,  
15          regardless of whether or not the county owns the vehicle;  
16          (13)   Any lights that may be prescribed by the Interstate Commerce  
17          Commission;  
18          (14)   A vehicle operated by a transplant coordinator who is an employee of an  
19          organ procurement organization or agency when the transplant  
20          coordinator is responding to a call to recover or transport human tissues  
21          or organs for transplantation;  
22          (15)   A vehicle operated by an emergency medical service as an emergency  
23          support vehicle; and  
24          (16)   A State emergency management vehicle."  
25          Sec. 2. This act becomes effective October 1, 1995.