

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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SENATE BILL 618

Short Title: Blue Lights for Members of Congress. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators McKissick and Britt (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE MEMBERS OF CONGRESS THE USE OF A BLUE LIGHT ON  
3 THEIR VEHICLES IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR OFFICIAL DUTIES.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 20-130.1(c) reads as rewritten:

6 "(c) It is unlawful for any person to possess a blue light or to install, activate, or operate a  
7 blue light in or on any vehicle in this State, except for (i) a publicly owned vehicle used for law  
8 enforcement ~~purposes or purposes,~~ (ii) any other vehicle when used by law enforcement officers  
9 in the performance of their official ~~duties.~~ duties, or (iii) a vehicle used by a member of Congress,  
10 with a special U.S. Representative or U.S. Senator registration plate as authorized by  
11 G.S. 20-79.4(b), in the performance of the member's official duties. As used in this subsection,  
12 unless the context requires otherwise, "blue light" means any blue light installed on a vehicle  
13 after initial manufacture of the vehicle; or an operable blue light which:

- 14 (1) Is not (i) being installed on, held in inventory for the purpose of being installed  
15 on, or held in inventory for the purpose of sale for installation on a vehicle on  
16 which it may be lawfully operated or (ii) installed on a vehicle which is used  
17 solely for the purpose of demonstrating the blue light for sale to law  
18 enforcement personnel;
- 19 (1a) Is designed for use by an emergency vehicle, or is similar in appearance to a  
20 blue light designed for use by an emergency vehicle; and
- 21 (2) Can be operated by use of the vehicle's battery, the vehicle's electrical system,  
22 or a dry cell battery."

23 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

