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## OLR Bill Analysis

sSB 407 (File 305, as amended by Senate "A")\*

### ***AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSIONER OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO ISSUE PERMITS ALLOWING ORGAN TRANSPORT VEHICLES TO USE CERTAIN LIGHTS.***

#### **SUMMARY**

The law generally requires a permit to use colored or flashing lights on motor vehicles or equipment. This bill allows the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) commissioner to issue permits for organ transport vehicles to use any combination of steady or flashing blue, red, yellow, or white lights, unless specifically restricted for use by police officers or DMV inspectors. By law, using unauthorized colored or flashing lights is an infraction.

Under the bill, an organ transport vehicle is any vehicle being driven by a licensed organ procurement organization's employee to transport parts (an organ, eye, or human tissue, but not a whole human body). The bill specifies that this law does not give operators of organ transport vehicles the privileges of emergency vehicle operators (for example, parking their vehicle regardless of motor vehicle laws affecting other vehicles, going through red lights and stop signs, or exceeding speed limits under certain circumstances).

\*Senate Amendment "A" adds the provision specifying that organ transport vehicle operators do not have the privileges of emergency vehicle operators.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2026

#### **BACKGROUND**

##### ***Related Bill***

HB 5460 (File 331), favorably reported by the Public Safety and Security Committee, among other things, expands the officials who may use steady red, blue, or red and blue lights on their vehicles.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 29 Nay 0 (03/17/2026)