



Senate

General Assembly

File No. 305

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 407

Senate, April 1, 2026

The Committee on Public Safety and Security reported through SEN. GASTON of the 23rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

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

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (h) of section 14-96q of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
3 *1, 2026*):

4 (h) The commissioner may issue a permit for emergency vehicles, as
5 defined in subsection (a) of section 14-283, and organ transport vehicles
6 to use a blue, red, yellow [,] or white light or lights, including a flashing
7 light or lights or any combination thereof, except as provided in
8 subsection (k) of this section. For the purposes of this subsection, "organ
9 transport vehicle" means any vehicle operated by an employee of a
10 procurement organization, as defined in section 19a-289a, while
11 transporting parts, as defined in said section.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
| Section 1 | October 1, 2026 | 14-96q(h) |

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In the second sentence, "owned by" was changed to "operated by an employee of" and "that is primarily used for the purpose of" was changed to "while" for statutory consistency and "section 19a-289a" was changed to "said section" for consistency with the style of the general statutes.

PS *Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

| Agency Affected | Fund-Effect | FY 27 \$ | FY 28 \$ |
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| Motor Vehicle Dept. | TF - Revenue Gain | Less than 1,000 | Less than 1,000 |

Note: TF=Transportation Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill results in annual revenue gain of less than \$1,000 to the Department of Motor Vehicles by authorizing the agency to issue colored light permits to organ transport vehicles. Under current law, an annual permit fee of \$20 generally applies for use of colored and flashing lights.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the number of permits issued.

OLR Bill Analysis**SB 407****AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSIONER OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO ISSUE PERMITS ALLOWING ORGAN TRANSPORT VEHICLES TO USE CERTAIN LIGHTS.****SUMMARY**

By law, a permit is generally required 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 colored or flashing lights unauthorized is an infraction.

Under the bill, an organ transport vehicle is any vehicle driven by an employee of a licensed organ procurement organization that is being used for transporting parts (an organ, eye, or human tissue, but not a whole human body).

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2026

BACKGROUND***Related Bill***

HB 5460, favorably reported by the Public Safety and Security Committee, among other things, removes the ban on using steady red, blue, or red and blue lights that are externally visible from the vehicle's front.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 29 Nay 0 (03/17/2026)