
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)