

HB 489 - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL            **489**

AN ACT                allowing volunteer emergency workers to use a rear facing blue light on their private vehicles when involved in emergency service.

SPONSORS:            Rep. Nalevanko, Ches. 9; Rep. Aldrich, Belk. 6; Rep. J. Aron, Sull. 4; Rep. Proulx, Hills. 15; Rep. Warden, Hills. 39

COMMITTEE:          Transportation

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ANALYSIS

This bill allows volunteer emergency workers to use a rear-facing blue light on their private vehicles when involved in emergency service.

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Explanation:          Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.  
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~  
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Five*

AN ACT allowing volunteer emergency workers to use a rear facing blue light on their private vehicles when involved in emergency service.

*Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:*

1 1 Rear Facing Blue Lights; Volunteer Emergency Responders. Amend RSA 266:78-b, III to read  
2 as follows:

3 III. Blue colored lights are authorized only for vehicles owned or leased by state, county,  
4 municipal, or federal law enforcement agencies, state department of corrections, fire marshal  
5 vehicles, emergency response vehicles owned or leased by city, town, village district, or federal fire  
6 departments, forestry departments, or emergency medical departments, or emergency response  
7 vehicles owned or leased by a private ambulance service contracted with a city, town, or village  
8 district and vehicles privately owned or leased by sworn law enforcement officers **or emergency**  
9 **response employees or volunteers of a city, town, or village district** when authorized by their  
10 department heads. When blue colored lights are installed on a private vehicle owned by or leased to  
11 a law enforcement officer, such lights shall be covered when the vehicle is being driven by someone  
12 other than a law enforcement officer. A blue colored light installed on emergency response vehicles  
13 other than those vehicles used by a sworn law enforcement officer, state probation and parole  
14 officers, and state correctional officers in the performance of their official duties shall be limited to a  
15 single, rear-facing blue colored emergency light on each vehicle. A private ambulance service that is  
16 no longer contracted with a city, town, or village district shall remove the single rear-facing blue  
17 colored light upon the expiration of the contract.

18 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.