
Transportation Committee

HB 2775

Brief Description: Clarifying the required color of certain lamps on vehicles.

Sponsors: Representatives Lovick, Haler and Young; by request of Washington State Patrol.

<p>Brief Summary of Bill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Requires the color of vehicle rear signal devices to display a red or amber color and stop lamps to display a red light.
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Hearing Date: 2/1/18

Staff: Paul Ingiosi (786-7114).

Background:

The operation of motor vehicles is regulated under both state and federal law. In order to be eligible for Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program grant funds from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, states must comply with certain federal laws.

Federal code allows rear signal devices to display either a red or amber color and requires rear stop lamps to display a red color only. Washington allows rear signal devices to display or reflect red, amber, or yellow colors and allows rear stop lamps to display a red or amber light, or any shade of color between red and amber.

Summary of Bill:

Rear signal devices may display or reflect a red or amber color and rear stop lamps must display a red light.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

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Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.