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HOUSE BILL NO. 1079

Introduced by: Representatives Tyler, Ecklund, Hawks, Heinert, Magstadt, Olson (Betty), Parsley, Rasmussen, Schoenfish, Soli, and Verchio and Senators Welke, Jones (Tom), and Lucas

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to authorize certain lighting on vehicles operated by
2 ambulance service personnel.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 Section 1. That § 32-17-42 be amended to read as follows:

5 32-17-42. Any motor vehicle operated by a member of an organized fire department or
6 organized search and rescue unit or by a person who is an ambulance driver, attendant, or
7 emergency medical technician affiliated with a licensed ambulance service may be equipped
8 with flashing blue lights displayed to the front or a blue rotating beacon light or strobe light or
9 both to be visible 360 degrees. This provision does not relieve the driver of such a vehicle from
10 the duty to drive with due regard for the safety of all persons using the street nor does it protect
11 the driver of any such vehicle from the consequence of a reckless disregard of the safety of
12 others.

13 No person may use a light ~~described~~ authorized in this section ~~except a fireman or search~~
14 ~~and rescue unit member while~~ unless the person is actually en route to the scene of a fire or



1 other emergency requiring ~~his services as a fireman or search and rescue unit member, who~~ the
2 person's services and the person has been authorized in writing to so use a blue light. ~~Such~~ The
3 authorization ~~shall~~ may be given by the chief of the fire department ~~or~~, coordinator of the search
4 and rescue unit, or operator or ambulance service director of the ambulance service only to
5 members of the department or service who are in good standing.

6 ~~A~~ The unauthorized use of a blue light in violation of this section is a Class 2 misdemeanor.