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HOUSE BILL NO. 1085

Introduced by: Representatives Hassard, Duenwald, Duniphan, Fitzgerald, Johnson (Doug),
Madden, Matthews, and Monroe and Senators Vitter, Drake, Shoener, and
Staggers

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to allow emergency medical technicians to display flashing
2 blue lights from their motor vehicles when responding to an emergency.

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 an emergency medical technician as defined by § 13-55-
7 21 may be equipped with flashing blue lights displayed to the front or a blue rotating beacon light
8 or strobe light or both to be visible 360 degrees. This provision does not relieve the driver of
9 such a vehicle from the duty to drive with due regard for the safety of all persons using the street
10 nor does it protect the driver of any such vehicle from the consequence of a reckless disregard
11 of the safety of others.

12 No person may use a light described in this section except a ~~fireman~~ firefighter or search and
13 rescue unit member while actually en route to the scene of a fire or other emergency requiring
14 ~~his~~ the services ~~as of~~ a ~~fireman~~ firefighter or search and rescue unit member, who has been
15 authorized in writing to so use a blue light, or an emergency medical technician while responding

1 to a medical emergency. ~~Such~~ The authorization for the firefighter or the search and rescue
2 member shall be given by the chief of the fire department or coordinator of the search and rescue
3 unit only to members of the department who are in good standing.

4 A violation of this section is a Class 2 misdemeanor.