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# HOUSE BILL 448: Auth. Use of Blue Lights on Fire Apparatus.

2021-2022 General Assembly

<b>Committee:</b>	House Transportation. If favorable, re-refer to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	<b>Date:</b>	May 5, 2021
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**OVERVIEW:** House Bill 448 would authorize the use of blue lights on the rear of publicly owned fire apparatus vehicles.

[As introduced, this bill was identical to S374, as introduced by Sens. Jarvis, Ford, Perry, which is currently in Senate Rules and Operations of the Senate.]

**CURRENT LAW:** G.S. 20-130.1 prohibits the use of red and blue lights on any vehicle other than those excepted by the statute.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** House Bill 448 would authorize the installation, activation, and operation of blue lights on fire apparatus vehicles as defined in the most recent version of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1901: Standard for Automotive Fire Apparatus if the fire apparatus is publicly owned, the blue lights are only visible from the rear of the vehicle when the parking brake is engaged, and the vehicle's on-scene lights are engaged.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This act becomes effective December 1, 2021.

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