



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

2021-2022 General Assembly

Committee:	House Judiciary 2. If favorable, re-refer to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	Date:	April 28, 2021
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OVERVIEW: *House Bill 448 would authorize the use of blue lights on the rear of publicly owned fire apparatus.*

[As introduced, this bill was identical to S374, as introduced by Sens. Jarvis, Ford, Perry, which is currently in Senate State and Local Government.]

CURRENT LAW AND BILL ANALYSIS: G.S. 20-130.1(c) prohibits the use of blue lights on any vehicle other than a law enforcement vehicle.

House Bill 448 would authorize the use of blue lights on a fire-fighting vehicle if all the following conditions are met:

- Vehicle is publicly owned "fire apparatus" as defined in the NFPA 1901, the Standard for Automotive Fire Apparatus, published by the National Fire Protection Association.
- Blue lights are only visible from the rear.
- Parking brake is engaged.
- Vehicle's on-scene lights are engaged.

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

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