



**This Bill Analysis reflects the contents of the bill as it was presented in committee.**

# SENATE BILL 374: Auth. Use of Blue Lights on Fire Apparatus.

2021-2022 General Assembly

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<b>Committee:</b>	Senate State and Local Government. If favorable, re-refer to Rules and Operations of the Senate	<b>Date:</b>	April 28, 2021
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**OVERVIEW:** Senate Bill 374 would authorize the use of blue lights on the rear of publicly owned fire apparatus vehicles.

[As introduced, this bill was identical to H448, as introduced by Reps. Potts, Boles, Moss, which is currently in House Judiciary 2.]

**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:** Senate Bill 374 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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