

1 AN ACT relating to motor vehicle equipment.

2 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 189.950 is amended to read as follows:

4 (1) No motor vehicle, except those designated under KRS 189.910 to 189.950 as
5 emergency vehicles, shall be equipped with, nor shall any person use upon a
6 vehicle, any siren, whistle, or bell. Any vehicle may be equipped with a theft alarm
7 signal device which shall be so arranged that it cannot be used as an ordinary
8 warning signal.

9 (2) No motor vehicle, except those designated under KRS 189.910 to 189.950 as
10 emergency vehicles, shall be equipped with, nor shall any person use upon a vehicle
11 any red or blue flashing, revolving, or oscillating light or place a red light on the
12 front thereof. This subsection shall not apply to the use of red flashing lights on
13 school buses or to stop lights or turn signals at the rear of any motor vehicle.

14 (3) **No motor vehicle, except those exempted under this section, shall be equipped**
15 **with, nor shall any person use upon a vehicle, any blue light. This subsection**
16 **shall not apply to nonhalogen headlamps that have a slight blue tint and meet**
17 **United States Department of Transportation regulations.**

18 **(4)** No motor vehicle, except those designated under KRS 189.910 to 189.950 as public
19 safety vehicles, shall be equipped with, nor shall any person use upon any vehicle
20 any yellow flashing, revolving, or oscillating light. This subsection shall not apply
21 to the use of yellow lights for turn signals; or to emergency flasher lights for use
22 when warning the operators of other vehicles of the presence of a vehicular traffic
23 requiring the exercise of unusual care in approaching, overtaking, or passing; or to
24 vehicles operated by mail carriers while on duty; funeral escort vehicles and church
25 buses.

26 **(5)**~~(4)~~ Any person who is a regular or voluntary member of any fire department
27 furnishing fire protection for a political subdivision of the state or any person who is

1 a regular or voluntary member of a rescue squad may equip his vehicle with red
2 flashing, rotating, or oscillating lights and a siren, bell, or exhaust whistle if he has
3 first been given permission, in writing, to do so by the chief of the fire department
4 or rescue squad. He may use such lights and equipment only while proceeding to
5 the scene of a fire or other emergency or to a location where another emergency
6 vehicle is on emergency call in the performance of his official duties as a member
7 of a fire department or rescue squad.

8 ~~(6)~~~~(5)~~ Any constable may, upon approval of the fiscal court in the county of
9 jurisdiction, equip vehicles used by said officer as emergency vehicles with one (1)
10 or more flashing, rotating or oscillating blue lights, visible under normal
11 atmospheric condition from a distance of five hundred (500) feet to the front of such
12 vehicle, and a siren, whistle or bell, capable of emitting a sound audible under
13 normal conditions from a distance of not less than five hundred (500) feet. This
14 equipment shall be in addition to any other equipment required by the motor vehicle
15 laws. Any constable authorized by the fiscal court to utilize blue lights and a siren
16 pursuant to this section shall maintain at least the insurance described by KRS
17 304.39-110.

18 ~~(7)~~~~(6)~~ Any person who is a paid or voluntary member of any ambulance service
19 furnishing emergency medical services for a political subdivision of the state may
20 equip his vehicle with red flashing, rotating, or oscillating lights and a siren, bell, or
21 exhaust whistle if he has first been given permission, in writing, to do so by the
22 chief or director of the ambulance service. He may use such lights and equipment
23 only while proceeding to the scene of an emergency, a medical facility, or to a
24 location where another emergency vehicle is on emergency call in the performance
25 of his official duties as a member of the ambulance service.

26 ➔Section 2. KRS 189.993 is amended to read as follows:

27 (1) Any person who violates KRS 189.045 shall be fined not less than one hundred

- 1 dollars (\$100) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
- 2 (2) Any person convicted of violating any of the provisions of KRS 189.095 shall be
3 fined sixty dollars (\$60) and costs of prosecution.
- 4 (3) Any person who violates any provision of KRS 189.205 shall be fined not less than
5 twenty dollars (\$20) nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100).
- 6 (4) Any person who violates any provision of KRS 189.375 shall be fined not less than
7 twenty dollars (\$20) nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100).
- 8 (5) Any person who violates KRS 189.505 shall be fined not less than sixty dollars
9 (\$60) nor more than two hundred dollars (\$200) or be imprisoned for not more than
10 thirty (30) days, or both.
- 11 (6) Any person found violating any provision of KRS 189.820 or 189.830 is guilty of a
12 misdemeanor and shall be fined not less than twenty dollars (\$20) nor more than
13 thirty-five dollars (\$35).
- 14 (7) Any person who violates KRS 189.920 shall be fined not less than one hundred
15 dollars (\$100) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000), or imprisoned in the
16 county jail for not more than thirty (30) days, or both. In the case of a private
17 vehicle not authorized to use emergency lights under KRS 189.920, all lighting and
18 other equipment used in violation of KRS 189.910 to 189.950 shall be confiscated
19 and forfeited to the county in which the offense occurred.
- 20 (8) Any person who violates KRS 189.930 shall be fined not less than sixty dollars
21 (\$60) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500), or be imprisoned in the county jail
22 for not more than thirty (30) days, or both.
- 23 (9) Any person who violates KRS 189.940 shall be fined not less than sixty dollars
24 (\$60) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or be imprisoned in the county
25 jail for not more than six (6) months, or both. In the case of a private vehicle, **except**
26 **as outlined in subsection (11) of this section,** all lighting and other equipment used
27 in violation of KRS 189.910 to 189.950 shall be confiscated and forfeited to the

1 county in which the offense occurred.

2 (10) If a member of a regular or volunteer fire department, ambulance service, or rescue
3 squad violates any provisions of subsection (6) of KRS 189.940, he shall, in
4 addition to any other penalty provided under KRS 189.990 or this section, be
5 immediately dismissed from his membership or employment with the fire
6 department, ambulance service, or rescue squad and shall be disqualified from being
7 employed by or being a member of any fire department, ambulance service, or
8 rescue squad in the Commonwealth for a period of three (3) years. Upon conviction
9 of a second offense he shall be permanently barred from employment or
10 membership in any fire department, ambulance service, rescue squad, police
11 department, or sheriff's office in the Commonwealth, nor shall he be permitted to
12 operate any public safety vehicle as defined in KRS 189.910.

13 (11) (a) Any person who violates subsection (3) of Section 1 of this Act shall be
14 fined one hundred dollars (\$100) for the first offense, two hundred dollars
15 (\$200) for the second offense, and one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for each
16 subsequent offense.

17 (b) Except as provided in paragraph (a) of this subsection, any person who
18 violates KRS 189.950 shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars (\$100)
19 nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or be imprisoned in the county
20 jail for not more than thirty (30) days, or both. In the case of a privately owned
21 vehicle, all lighting and other equipment used or installed in violation of KRS
22 189.910 to 189.950 shall be confiscated and forfeited to the county in which
23 the offense occurred.

24 (12) Any person who violates any provision of this chapter for which no penalty is
25 otherwise provided shall, upon conviction, be fined not less than twenty dollars
26 (\$20) nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100) for each offense, except that no
27 penalty shall be assessed for a violation of KRS 189.580(1)(b) or (6)(b).

1 (13) No producer or processor of natural resources shall allow the transporting of natural
2 resources over the highways of the Commonwealth in excess of the weight limits
3 without possessing a resource recovery road hauling permit. Violation for hauling in
4 excess of prescribed limits without possession of a permit or transporting natural
5 resources over prescribed limits of the resource recovery road hauling permit shall
6 be not less than five hundred dollars (\$500) nor more than one thousand dollars
7 (\$1,000) for each violation and shall be deposited in the resource recovery road
8 fund.