

Committee on Transportation

CS/CS/HB 1113 — Use of Lights and Sirens on Emergency Vehicles

by Infrastructure Strategies Committee; Transportation & Modals Subcommittee; and Rep. Killebrew and others (CS/SB 1164 by Transportation Committee and Senator Burton)

The bill revises the authorized use of lights and sirens on emergency vehicles. Specifically, the bill:

- Amends the definition of the term “authorized emergency vehicles” to include organ transport vehicles, emergency management vehicles, county ambulances and emergency vehicles, and authorized vehicles of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.
- Defines the term “organ transport vehicle” to mean any dedicated and marked vehicle operated by an organ procurement organization, transplant center, or its contracted service provider to transport organs or surgical teams for organ recovery and transplant.
- Requires an operator of an organ transport vehicle to complete a 16-hour emergency vehicle operator course.
- Provides that an authorized emergency vehicle when transporting organs or surgical teams for organ donation or transplant while en route to a hospital, an airport, or other designated location may exercise the current law privileges available to authorized emergency vehicles to bypass certain uniform traffic safety laws, provided that the vehicle is driven with due regard for the safety of all persons.
- Provides that organ transport vehicles may show or display red lights or display and use red warning signals while transporting organs or surgical teams for organ donation or transplant while en route to a hospital, an airport, or other designated location.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor’s signature, these provisions take effect July 1, 2024.

Vote: Senate 40-0; House 117-0