

TITLE XXI

MOTOR VEHICLES

CHAPTER 266

EQUIPMENT OF VEHICLES

Emergency Lights and Warning Lights

Section 266:78-c

266:78-c Red Lights Restricted to Police, Fire, and Rescue Vehicles. – No person other than those authorized in this section shall operate a vehicle equipped with red colored emergency lights. Red lights are authorized for the following vehicles:

I. Emergency response vehicles owned or leased by municipal, village district, or federal fire departments and forestry departments.

II. Vehicles privately owned or leased by full-time or volunteer firefighters employed by municipal, village district, or federal fire departments and forestry departments or forest fire wardens and deputy wardens when authorized by their department heads.

III. Licensed public or private ambulances and emergency medical response and rescue vehicles, and members of licensed ambulance and emergency medical response and rescue crews when authorized by their employers.

IV. Federal or state emergency management response vehicles, airport authority emergency response vehicles, and government vehicles used in response to reports of emergencies resulting from actual or potential releases, spills, or leaks of or other exposure to hazardous substances.

V. Hospital emergency personnel with a permit from the commissioner of safety issued under rules adopted pursuant to RSA 541-A, relative to the qualifications and conditions of such a permit and grounds for revoking it.

VI. Red lights as part of, but not in place of, the emergency warning systems of police vehicles.

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