
SUBJECT: Authorizing the use of white flashing lights on emergency vehicles

COMMITTEE: Transportation — favorable, without amendment

VOTE: 12 ayes — Canales, Raney, Ashby, Davis, Gámez, Caroline Harris,
Landgraf, Lujan, Ordaz, Patterson, Perez, Romero

0 nays

1 absent — Lozano

WITNESSES: For — None

Against — None

On — (*Registered, but did not testify*: James D Jones, Tx DPS)

DIGEST: HB 3125 would allow an authorized emergency vehicle to be equipped with signal lamps that displayed white flashing lights. The lamps would be required to be mounted as high and as widely spaced laterally as practicable and able to emit a light visible at a distance of 500 feet in normal sunlight.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2023.

SUPPORTERS SAY: HB 3125 would clarify that white flashing lights were permitted for authorized emergency vehicles. Many emergency vehicles are already equipped with white flashing lights but statute does not specifically permit their use.

CRITICS SAY: No concerns identified.