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AN ACT

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES; PROHIBITING RECOVERY AND REPAIR  
VEHICLES FROM USING FLASHING LIGHTS UNLESS THEY ARE STOPPED  
ON A ROADWAY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. Section 66-3-835 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1978,  
Chapter 35, Section 141, as amended) is amended to read:

"66-3-835. SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS ON LAMPS.--

A. Lighted lamps or illuminating devices upon a  
motor vehicle, other than headlamps, spot lamps, auxiliary  
lamps, flashing turn signals, emergency vehicle warning lamps  
and school bus warning lamps, that project a beam of light of  
an intensity greater than three hundred candle power shall be  
directed so that no part of the high-intensity portion of the  
beam strikes the level of the roadway on which the vehicle  
stands at a distance of more than seventy-five feet from the  
vehicle.

B. A person shall not drive or move upon a highway  
a vehicle or equipment with a lamp or device displaying a red  
light visible from directly in front of the center of the  
vehicle or equipment, except as expressly authorized or  
required by the Motor Vehicle Code.

C. Flashing lights are prohibited except as  
provided in this section and except on authorized emergency

1 vehicles, school buses, snow-removal equipment and highway-  
2 marking equipment. Except as otherwise provided in this  
3 section, flashing red lights may be used as warning lights on  
4 disabled or parked vehicles and on any vehicle as a means of  
5 indicating a turn.

6 D. A recovery or repair vehicle standing on a  
7 highway for the purpose of removing, and actually engaged in  
8 removing, a disabled vehicle may display flashing lights in  
9 any color except red. This provision shall not be construed  
10 as permitting the use of flashing lights by recovery or  
11 repair vehicles in going to or returning from the location of  
12 disabled vehicles or while engaged in towing a disabled  
13 vehicle.

14 E. Only fire department vehicles, law enforcement  
15 agency vehicles, ambulances and school buses may display  
16 flashing red lights visible from the front of the vehicle.  
17 All other vehicles authorized by the Motor Vehicle Code to  
18 display flashing lights visible from the front of the vehicle  
19 may use any other color of light that is visible."

20 SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the  
21 provisions of this act is July 1, 2019. \_\_\_\_\_