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PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



PA 26-147—sSB 407

Public Safety and Security Committee

**AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSIONER OF MOTOR VEHICLES
TO ISSUE PERMITS ALLOWING ORGAN TRANSPORT VEHICLES TO
USE CERTAIN LIGHTS**

SUMMARY: The law generally requires a permit to use colored or flashing lights on motor vehicles or equipment. This act allows the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) commissioner to issue permits for organ transport vehicles to use any combination of steady or flashing blue, red, yellow, or white lights, unless specifically restricted for use by police officers or DMV inspectors (however, this limitation is eliminated by PA 26-144, § 13). By law, using unauthorized colored or flashing lights is an infraction (see [Table of Penalties](#)).

Under the act, an organ transport vehicle is any vehicle driven by a licensed organ procurement organization's employee to transport body parts (an organ, eye, or human tissue, but not a whole human body).

The act also specifies that the law on use of colored or flashing lights does not give drivers the privileges of emergency vehicle operators (for example, parking their vehicle regardless of motor vehicle laws affecting other vehicles, going through red lights and stop signs, or exceeding speed limits under certain circumstances).

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2026