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House Bill 1000

(Delegate Boteler, *et al.*)

Environmental Matters

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Vehicle Equipment - Amber Flashing Lights - Security Guard Agencies

This bill authorizes a licensed security guard agency to equip its vehicles with amber flashing lights that may be activated only while on duty on property that the agency is responsible for patrolling.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill's provisions could be enforced with existing resources.

Local Effect: The bill's requirements could be met with existing resources.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Tow trucks, snow removal, highway maintenance, service equipment, and escort vehicles may display one or more amber flashing lights. A citizens on patrol group participant or other community watch group may display one or more amber flashing lights on its vehicles if allowed by the appropriate law enforcement agency. The amber flashing lights must be turned off at a uniformed law enforcement officer's request. For the group conducting the patrol, a law enforcement agency may require that an identifying sign meeting agency specifications be displayed on the vehicle while the amber lights are flashing.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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