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HB 1066: Vehicle Laws – Lighting – Privately Owned Vehicles of Volunteer Fire Company Members

Good afternoon, Mr. Chairman, and members of the Environment and Transportation Committee. My name is Ben Kurtz, 1st Vice-President of the Maryland State Firefighter's Association.

I'm here to testify in favor of HB-1066 sponsored by Delegate Stein. The bill concerning vehicle laws-lighting-privately owned vehicles of volunteer fire company members.

The Fire Laws of Maryland under section Transportation TR-22-218, allow certain members of a volunteer fire company to equip their privately owned vehicles with red lights or signal devices, and generally relating to vehicle lighting and volunteer fire companies.

This bill allows the members to use red or red and white lights on emergency scenes. The red and white lights are much safer for the members especially the fire police directing traffic on the scene of an emergency incident.

Thank you for your time and energy on this bill and I'm asking each of you for your support.