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2007 HOUSE TRANSPORTATION

HB 1234

2007 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Bill/Resolution No. HB 1234

House Transportation Committee

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Hearing Date: 01-18-2007

Recorder Job Number: 1352

Committee Clerk Signature

Lisa M Thomas

Minutes:

Chairman Weisz opened the hearing on HB 1234. All Representatives were present. HB 1234 relates to the use of flashing green lights.

Rep. Porter introduced the bill.

Rep. Porter: HB 1234 deals with incident command. Since 2001, there has been a big push back toward responding agencies in regards to incident command. We are all required now to take federal courses through the department of homeland security. This bill comes about because as different jurisdictions go through the incident command structure there needs to be a uniformed way to identify the command post in the situation of a disaster. Not all scenes require the establishment of incident command. Not all scenes are open to other jurisdictions coming in. A building structure fire, the fire department may be using the I.C. system to manage that fire, but they won't necessarily need to have a green light flashing while that is going on because they will be well aware of where the I.C. is. In a situation where a tornado goes through town or a train derails and leaves anhydrous ammonia in the air, responding agencies from many jurisdictions will be responding to those type situations. In those situations, there needs to be a uniformed way to identify where the I.C. is located on that scene. There certainly isn't anything in this piece of legislation that says they have to use this,

it is just designating that green flashing light as the I.C. so that when the I.C. decides that they need to be recognized on the scene that they can establish or turn on that light. This also works in other ways for other command situations in the case of medical command we use the green light for a number of years to identify medical command so other responding ambulance services know where to go when entering the scene and that would still be allowed under this scenario, but it would also put recognition that when you see a green light flashing, you aren't going to see a bunch of them on the scene, you may see one or two, but if you don't know where you are going up to that point, then you will know who is in charge of the scene by following the green flashing light. As the unified IC system spreads throughout ND and the country that will basically unify to the responders where they need to report to once they have been called and enter that scene.

Rep. Weisz: Is green flashing light a nationally recognized across state lines, etc.

Rep. Porter: I don't know that it is nationally recognized, I know that MN has been using it for a number of years to identify. We've used it locally for a number of years also, and my thought was that as this unified training spreads throughout ND, we can also be training individuals to help them understand where the I.C. is at the scene of a disaster.

Rep. Weisz: Are you aware of any other agencies that are already using some other that would cause some conflict?

Rep. Porter: No, I am not. Currently in law, I know that you have heard of blue light sale or are going to, but class A emergency vehicles which are police, fire and EMS, are authorized to use red or white or any combination thereof. Class B are authorized to use blue and Class C are authorized to use yellow.

Rep. Vigesaa: Are these green lights incorporated into light bars?

Rep. Porter: The ones I am aware of are separate stand alone lights we have mounted on our command vehicle.

Rep. Ruby: Are people familiar with them enough where they pull over if they are responding? Is it something that is in the law already that they must do that or would it be easier to have a normal red light on and then with the addition to a strobe type light to identify the IC?

Rep. Porter: This light would never be used while responding to the scene. It would only be used after arrival on the scene and then the establishment of the IC. It wouldn't be used anything to alert traffic or citizens that you are responding to something, that would remain red and white.

There were no further questions of Rep. Porter.

There was no further support for the bill. There was no opposition to the bill either.

Chairman Weisz closed the hearing on HB 1234. There was no action taken at this time.

Date: 1-18-07
 Roll Call Vote #: HB 1234

2007 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
 BILL/RESOLUTION NO. _____

House Transportation Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken DO Pass

Motion Made By Rep Dosch Seconded By Rep Vigesaa

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman Weisz	✓		Rep. Delmore	✓	
Vice Chairman Ruby	✓		Rep. Gruchalla	✓	
Rep. Dosch	✓		Rep. Myxter	✓	
Rep. Kelsch			Rep. Schmidt	✓	
Rep. Owens			Rep. Thorpe	✓	
Rep. Price	✓				
Rep. Sukut	✓				
Rep. Vigesaa	✓				

Total Yes 11 No 0

Absent 2

Floor Assignment Rep. Dosch

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1234: Transportation Committee (Rep. Weisz, Chairman) recommends DO PASS
(11 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1234 was placed on the
Eleventh order on the calendar.

2007 SENATE TRANSPORTATION

HB 1234

2007 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Bill/Resolution No. HB 1234

Senate Transportation Committee

Check here for Conference Committee

Hearing Date: March 2, 2007

Recorder Job Number: 4259

Committee Clerk Signature



Minutes:

Senator Gary Lee opened the hearing on HB1234 relating to the use of flashing green lights.

Representative Porter introduced the bill and testified in favor of it. Since 2001 there have been requirements for emergency responders to comply with the instant command modular.

With that requirement is a command post. The only vehicle that may display a flashing green light is a command center in an emergency. The bill says an authorized emergency vehicle may not display a flashing green light unless the vehicle is used as a command center in an emergency. This is a stationary vehicle.

Senator Andrist wanted to clarify that this green flashing light will not be on the highways.

Rep. Porter said he was correct. This green light is only used for the Command vehicle.

Senator Fiebiger asked if there have been problems getting to or finding the Command Center.

Rep. Porter said no. Since 2001 we have not had disastrous situations. We are required by the Homeland Security Law to practice.

Senator Potter asked if they would have a red light when driving to the emergency and when they arrive the vehicle would be the command center and turn on its green light.

Rep. Porter said that is how it would work. The green flashing light would show people coming in where the command center is.

Senator Potter asked who will be the person in charge of the command center.

Rep. Porter said the Unified Command system spells that out, depending upon the situation. The first unified commander that shows up is the one in command. The individual in command could change during an emergency but the vehicle would not change.

Senator Bakke asked if there were vehicles in cities and counties that already have green flashing lights and will have to change.

Rep. Porter said no.

Senator Andrist asked if there was a clear line established on who gets to have the green light.

Rep. Porter said the green light is a point of gathering. The individual is fluid. Once the command is established there is only one commander at the incidence.

Senator Lee asked for anymore testimony.

Senator Lee closed the hearing on HB 1234.

Senator Potter moved a Do Pass on HB 1234.

Senator Fiebiger seconded the motion.

The clerk called the roll 5-0-1.

Senator Potter will carry the bill.

Date: 3-2-07
Roll Call Vote #: 1

2007 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1234

Senate Transportation Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken Do Pass

Motion Made By Senator Potter Seconded By Senator Fiebiger

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Chairman Gary Lee	✓		Senator JoNell Bakke	✓	
V Ch John Andrist	✓		Senator Tom Fiebiger	✓	
Senator Dave Nething			Senator Tracy Potter	✓	

Total (Yes) 5 No 0

Absent 1

Floor Assignment Senator Potter

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
March 2, 2007 11:36 a.m.

Module No: SR-40-4302
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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1234: Transportation Committee (Sen. G. Lee, Chairman) recommends DO PASS
(5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1234 was placed on the
Fourteenth order on the calendar.