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P.L.1991, CHAPTER 4, approved January 17, 1991
(1990 Assembly No. 1516)

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2 United States Postal Service employees in certain instances,
3 and supplementing chapter 3 of Title 39 of the Revised
4 Statutes.

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6 BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the
7 State of New Jersey:

8 1. a. Any employee of the United States Postal Service who,
9 as part of his assigned duties as a rural route letter carrier, is
10 required to use a motor vehicle owned or leased by him or a
11 member of his family in the performance of his duties may
12 display on that motor vehicle an amber warning light.

13 The amber warning light may be operated only while the motor
14 vehicle is being used by the United State Postal Service employee
15 in the performance of his duties as a rural letter carrier.

16 The amber warning light authorized under the provisions of this
17 act shall be temporarily attached, removable lights of the
18 flashing or revolving type, not more than 7 1/2 inches in
19 diameter, not more than 51 candlepower, and shall be controlled
20 by a switch installed inside the vehicle.

21 While in operation, the amber warning light shall be
22 conspicuously displayed on the roof of the motor vehicle.

23 Nothing herein shall be construed to grant any person
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25 provisions of this act any privileges or exemptions denied to the
26 drivers of other motor vehicles and all such persons shall drive
27 with due regard for the safety of all persons and shall obey the
28 traffic laws of this State.

29 b. The Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles, in
30 accordance with the provisions of the "Administrative Procedure
31 Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), shall promulgate rules
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MOTOR VEHICLES

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Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel
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3 Under the provisions of the bill, as amended by the committee,
4 these rural letter carriers are authorized to display a flashing or
5 revolving amber warning light on the roof of their motor vehicles
6 when they are delivering the mail. The amber warning light must
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11 vehicles to deliver the mail are not authorized to display any kind
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ASSEMBLY JUDICIARY, LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 1516

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: APRIL 5, 1990

The Assembly Judiciary, Law and Public Safety Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 1516.

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This bill was prefiled for introduction in the 1990 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review which has been performed.

SENATE LAW, PUBLIC SAFETY AND DEFENSE COMMITTEE

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