

39:3-54.7 to 39:3-54.9

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

NJSA 39:3-54.7 - 39:3-54.9 (Volunteer fire - first aid--motor  
vehicle emergency warning lights -  
amendment)  
LAWS OF 1979 CHAPTER 71

Bill No. A574

Sponsor(s) Deverin and Lesniak

Date Introduced Feb. 9, 1978

Committee: Assembly Transportation and Communications

Senate Law, Public Safety and Defense

Amended during passage Yes **\*\* Amendments during  
passage denoted by  
asterisks**

Date of Passage: Assembly June 5, 1978

Senate Feb. 13, 1979

Date of approval April 10, 1979

Following statements are attached if available:

Sponsor statement	Yes	<del>XX</del>
Committee Statement: Assembly	Yes	<del>XX</del>
Senate	Yes	<del>XX</del>
Fiscal Note	<del>YES</del>	No
Veto message	<del>YES</del>	No
Message on signing	YES	<del>XX</del>

Following were printed:

Reports	<del>YES</del>	No
Hearings	<del>YES</del>	No

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[OFFICIAL COPY REPRINT]  
ASSEMBLY, No. 574

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 9, 1978

By Assemblymen DEVERIN and LESNIAK

Referred to Committee on Transportation and Communications

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7 by him and registered in his name] *\*[operated by him]\** an  
8 emergency warning light or lights as provided in this act.

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#### STATEMENT

Under present law, a member of a volunteer fire company and volunteer first aid or rescue squad is only permitted to display emergency warning lights on a motor vehicle which is registered in his name. This bill would remove that restriction so that, for example, a volunteer could display emergency warning lights on a motor vehicle registered in the name of some other member of his family.

Also, under present law, emergency warning lights must be of the flashing type with a lamp of not more than 21 candlepower and if only one emergency warning light is used, it must be installed in either the center of the roof or on the left windshield column. This bill would permit emergency warning lights of both the flashing type with a lamp of not more than 21 candlepower 21 to 51 and allow for installation on the front of the vehicle if only one emergency light is used.

ASSEMBLY TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS  
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO  
**ASSEMBLY, No. 574**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

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DATED: MAY 22, 1978

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SENATE LAW, PUBLIC SAFETY AND  
DEFENSE COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO  
ASSEMBLY, No. 574

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 18, 1979

The statement appended to and printed with the bill adequately explains its provisions, provided, however, the committee adopted an amendment to permit such lights only on vehicles owned by a member of a voluntary fire company, a first aid or rescue squad or by a person in the member's household.

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENT TO  
ASSEMBLY, No. 574

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

ADOPTED JANUARY 18, 1979

Amend page 1, section 1, lines 6 and 7, after "vehicle", insert "owned by him or by a member of his household", omit "operated by him".



[SENATE REPRINT]

ASSEMBLY, No. 574

with Senate committee amendments adopted January 18, 1979

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
APRIL 10, 1979

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION  
PAT SWEENEY

Governor Brendan Byrne today signed the following bills into law in a public ceremony in his outer office:

A-574, sponsored by Assemblyman Thomas J. Deverin (D-Middlesex), which amends the law permitting emergency warning lights for motor vehicles operated by members of volunteer fire companies and first aid or rescue squads. The bill permits the volunteer member to display such lights on a vehicle registered to any member of his household.

A-1802, sponsored by Assemblyman Barbara P. Berman (D-Camden), permits the State Housing Finance Agency to formulate income limits on certain projects.

Under the former statute the Housing Finance Agency was required to utilize the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development income limits on HUD subsidized projects. The HFA wants to finance HUD insured projects, which are targeted for middle income occupancy.

The bill permits the HFA to take advantage of federal insurance on certain projects by permitting the HFA to formulate income limits for such projects in accordance with federal HUD procedures for such non-subsidized HFA insured developments.

A-1905, sponsored by Assemblyman James W. Bornheimer (D-Middlesex), which amends the law governing the terms of insurance agents' contracts. The bill requires an insurer to pay an agent whose contract has been terminated the full commission on the renewal of certain automobile insurance policies for a period of three years provided the former agent has been designated as the broker of record by the insured.

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