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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 38, L.D. 52, Bill, "An Act to Expand the Number of Lights Firefighters May Use on Their Motor Vehicles"

Amend the bill in section 1 in paragraph F by striking out all of subparagraph (2) and inserting in its place the following:

'(2) The municipal officers or a municipal official designated by the municipal officers, with the approval of the fire chief, may authorize an active member of a municipal or volunteer fire department to use --a flashing red signal ~~light-not-more-than-5-inches-in diameter~~ lights on a vehicle. The ~~light~~ lights may be displayed but may be used only while the member is en route to or at the scene of a fire or other emergency. The ~~light-must~~ lights may not be mounted as-near-as practicable-above-the-registration-plate-on-the-front or displayed any higher than the top of the windshield of the vehicle ~~or-on-the-dashboard~~. A light mounted on the dashboard must be shielded so that the emitted light does not interfere with the operator's vision. Signal lights may not impair the vision of an operator of any vehicle.'

SUMMARY

This is the minority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation. The amendment repeals limitations on the size and number of flashing red signal lights that may be displayed on vehicles used by firefighters and allows those lights to be

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2 mounted anywhere on the vehicle below the top of the vehicle's  
windshield. The amendment also prohibits the lights from being  
4 located in a manner that impairs the vision of an operator of  
another motor vehicle.

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