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HOUSE AMENDMENT "B" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 156, L.D. 197, Bill, "An Act to Require Flashing Lights for Private Snow Plows"

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Amend the amendment by striking out all of subparagraph (4) (page 1, lines 26 to 40 in amendment) and inserting in its place the following:

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'(4) A vehicle equipped and used for plowing snow on other than public ways may be equipped with an auxiliary rotary flashing light that must be mounted on top of the vehicle in such a manner as to emit an amber beam of light over a 360° angle, or an amber strobe, or combination of strobes, that emits at a minimum a beam of 1,000,000 50 candlepower and provides visible light coverage over a 360° range. ~~The light may be in use on a public way only when the vehicle is entering the public way in the course of plowing private driveways and other off-highway locations.~~ except that the vehicle must be equipped with and must use such a light whenever the vehicle enters a public way while in the course of plowing private driveways and other off-highway locations. A law enforcement officer may stop a person in violation of this subparagraph and may orally inform that person of the law, but may not issue a written warning or a ticket to a person who is in violation of this subparagraph.

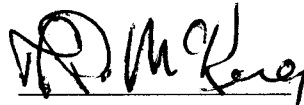
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(4-A) A person operating a vehicle equipped with a light in accordance with subparagraph (4) may use that light on a public way only when the vehicle is entering the public way in the course of plowing private driveways and other off-highway locations.'

SUMMARY

Committee Amendment "A" reduces the minimum allowable candlepower of lights on vehicles used for plowing snow on other than public ways from 1,000,000 to 50 candlepower and requires that those vehicles use such a light whenever the vehicle enters a public way while engaged in a plowing activity. This amendment specifies that a violation of this provision may result only in an oral warning from a law enforcement officer and specifically provides that a law enforcement officer may not issue a written warning or a traffic ticket to a person in violation of this provision.

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