

**MEDIA PRODUCTION VEHICLE EXEMPTION**

2015 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill modifies the Traffic Code by amending vehicle equipment restrictions.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms;
- ▶ exempts a media production vehicle from certain vehicle lighting restrictions in certain circumstances related to a media production; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**41-6a-1616**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2006, Chapter 100

ENACTS:

**41-6a-1718**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

Section 1. Section **41-6a-1616** is amended to read:

**41-6a-1616. High intensity beams -- Red or blue lights -- Flashing lights -- Color of rear lights and reflectors.**

30 (1) (a) Except as provided under Subsection (1)(b), under the conditions specified  
31 under Subsection [41-6a-1603](#)(1)(a), a lighted lamp or illuminating device on a vehicle, which  
32 projects a beam of light of an intensity greater than 300 candlepower shall be directed so that  
33 no part of the high intensity portion of the beam will strike the level of the roadway on which  
34 the vehicle stands at a distance of more than 75 feet from the vehicle.

35 (b) The provisions of Subsection (1)(a) do not apply to head lamps, spot lamps,  
36 auxiliary lamps, flashing turn signals, hazard warning lamps, and school bus warning lamps.

37 (c) A motor vehicle on a highway may not have more than a total of four lamps lighted  
38 on the front of the vehicle including head lamps, auxiliary lamps, spot lamps, or any other lamp  
39 if the lamp projects a beam of an intensity greater than 300 candlepower.

40 (2) (a) Except for an authorized emergency vehicle [~~and~~] described in Section  
41 [41-6a-1601](#), a school bus described in Section [41-6a-1302](#), or a media production vehicle used  
42 in accordance with Section [41-6a-1718](#), a person may not operate or move any vehicle or  
43 equipment on a highway with a lamp or device capable of displaying a red light that is visible  
44 from directly in front of the center of the vehicle.

45 (b) Except for a law enforcement vehicle, or a media production vehicle used in  
46 accordance with Section [41-6a-1718](#), a person may not operate or move any vehicle or  
47 equipment on a highway with a lamp or device capable of displaying a blue light that is visible  
48 from directly in front of the center of the vehicle.

49 (3) A person may not use flashing lights on a vehicle except for:

50 (a) taillights of bicycles [~~under~~] described in Section [41-6a-1114](#);

51 (b) authorized emergency vehicles [~~under rules made by the department under~~]  
52 described in Section [41-6a-1601](#);

53 (c) turn signals [~~under~~] described in Section [41-6a-1604](#);

54 (d) hazard warning lights [~~under~~] described in Sections [41-6a-1608](#) and [41-6a-1611](#);

55 (e) school bus flashing lights [~~under~~] described in Section [41-6a-1302](#); [~~and~~]

56 (f) vehicles engaged in highway construction or maintenance [~~under~~] described in  
57 Section [41-6a-1617](#)[-]; and

58           (g) a media production vehicle used in accordance with Section 41-6a-1718.

59           (4) [A] Except for an authorized emergency vehicle described in Section 41-6a-1601,  
60 or a media production vehicle used in accordance with Section 41-7a-1718, a person may not  
61 use a rotating light on any vehicle [other than an authorized emergency vehicle].

62           Section 2. Section **41-6a-1718** is enacted to read:

63           **41-6a-1718. Media production vehicle -- Definition -- Exemption -- Identification.**

64           (1) As used in this section:

65           (a) "Media production" means the making of a motion picture, television show, video,  
66 commercial, Internet video, or other viewable programming provided to viewers via a movie  
67 theater or transmitted through broadcast radio wave, cable, satellite, wireless, or Internet.

68           (b) "Media production vehicle" means a vehicle used exclusively for media production.

69           (2) A media production vehicle is exempt from the restrictions of Section 41-6a-1616  
70 while the vehicle is:

71           (a) being used to simulate an authorized emergency vehicle in a media production; or

72           (b) being driven in transit between the media production location and the media  
73 production vehicle storage location if during transit the vehicle displays a sign prominently on  
74 each front-side door of the media production vehicle stating "Media Production Vehicle."