

## No. 79

## AN ACT

## SB 228

Amending the act of April 29, 1959 (P.L.58), entitled "An act consolidating and revising the Vehicle Code, the Tractor Code, the Motor Vehicle Financial Responsibility Act and other acts relating to the ownership, possession and use of vehicles and tractors," regulating the use of blue lights on motor vehicles operated by volunteer firemen answering fire or emergency calls.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Section 815, act of April 29, 1959 (P.L.58), known as "The Vehicle Code," amended July 13, 1959 (P.L.527) and November 12, 1959 (P.L.1501), is amended to read:

Section 815. Blue Light Visible [**From in Front of**] on Vehicles.— Volunteer firemen in accordance with a statement, containing not over sixty-five (65) names, signed by the chief of the *fire company*, fire department *or hose company*, and filed with the *nearest substation of the* Pennsylvania State Police, may operate or move a vehicle in answering fire or emergency calls upon a *street or highway* with a *flashing* blue light or lights, not in excess of two (2) of a [**flasher**] *flashing or revolving* type, displayed on the front thereof in a manner prescribed by the secretary, except that such lights may be fastened to the vehicle so as to flash in front of or through the grille. The light shall not exceed the intensity of twenty-one (21) candle power nor shall the light exceed seven and one-half (7 1/2) inches in diameter. The light shall be capable of operation inside the vehicle by the vehicle operator.

*Flashing of such lights during the operation of a vehicle at any time except in answer to a fire or emergency call is prohibited.*

*No prior approval of such light or lights shall be necessary. Blue lights shall be removed from a vehicle within ten (10) days of receipt by the owner of a notice from the chief of the fire company, fire department or hose company to remove the light, the termination of a person's employment as a volunteer fireman, or ceasing to use the vehicle in connection with duties as a volunteer fireman.*

Penalty.—Any person violating any of the provisions of this section, shall, upon summary conviction before a magistrate, be sentenced to pay a fine of ten dollars (\$10.00) and costs of prosecution, and, in default of the payment thereof, shall undergo imprisonment for not more than five (5) days, and shall not thereafter use the lights authorized by this section.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 12th day of August, A. D. 1971.

MILTON J. SHAPP

The foregoing is a true and correct copy of Act of the General Assembly  
No. 79.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "C. McLaughlin Tucker". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "C" and a prominent "T" at the end.

*Secretary of the Commonwealth.*