

oscillating, rotating, blinking, or other type of emission of light, unless designated and authorized by the administrator as indicated in paragraphs (1) through [(6)] (7) of this subsection. The provisions of this section do not prohibit the display and use of any lighting device that may be permitted or required elsewhere in the Maryland vehicle law.

(1) Vehicles of the police department and other city, county, State, or federal law-enforcement agencies may be equipped with and display red and blue lights or signal devices.

(2) Vehicles of city, county, State, or federal fire departments or duly constituted volunteer fire departments or rescue squads may be equipped with or display red and/or white lights or signal devices.

(3) Ambulances may be equipped with or display red and/or white lights or signal devices.

(4) STATE VEHICLES USED IN RESPONSE TO OIL OR HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SPILLS MAY BE EQUIPPED WITH OR DISPLAY RED AND/OR WHITE LIGHTS OR SIGNAL DEVICES.

[(4)] (5) Service vehicles, rural letter carrier vehicles, slow moving farm vehicles, and tow trucks may be equipped with or display yellow or amber lights or signal devices.

[(5)] (6) The blue, red, or white lights or signal devices may be flashed or oscillated or otherwise used only while on route to or at the scene of an emergency, and their use does not relieve an emergency vehicle from otherwise giving an audible warning as required elsewhere in the Maryland vehicle law.

[(6)] (7) The yellow or amber lights or signal devices permitted on vehicles under paragraph [(4)] (5) of this subsection may be flashed or oscillated or otherwise used only in the course of official duties, to indicate to the public that the vehicle is a slow moving vehicle or otherwise is impeding traffic.

[(7)] (8) In addition to the penalties provided in title 27 of this Article, any person convicted of a violation of this section may have his driving privileges suspended for a period of 30 days, and the registration of the vehicle may be suspended for a period of 30 days, notwithstanding that the owner of the vehicle may not be the operator at the time of the offense, unless the owner proves to the satisfaction of the administration that he had no control over the use or display of a light or signal device and could not prevent the violation of this section.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 1 of this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency