

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 46.2-1025 of the Code of Virginia, relating to green warning lights; certain*  
 3 *farm vehicles.*

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5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 46.2-1025 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**8 **§ 46.2-1025. Flashing amber, purple, or green warning lights.**

9 A. The following vehicles may be equipped with flashing, blinking, or alternating amber warning lights of  
 10 types approved by the Superintendent:

- 11 1. Vehicles used for the principal purpose of towing or servicing disabled vehicles;
- 12 2. Vehicles used in constructing, maintaining, and repairing highways or utilities on or along public  
 13 highways, or in assisting with the management of roadside and traffic incidents, or performing traffic  
 14 management services along public highways;
- 15 3. Vehicles used for the principal purpose of removing hazardous or polluting substances from state  
 16 waters and drainage areas on or along public highways, or state vehicles used to perform other state-required  
 17 environmental activities, provided that the amber lights are not lit while the vehicle is in motion;
- 18 4. Vehicles used for servicing automatic teller machines, provided the amber lights are not lit while the  
 19 vehicle is in motion;
- 20 5. Vehicles used in refuse collection, provided the amber lights are lit only when the vehicles are engaged  
 21 in refuse collection operations;
- 22 6. Vehicles used by individuals for emergency snow-removal purposes;
- 23 7. Hi-rail vehicles, provided the amber lights are lit only when the vehicles are operated on railroad rails;
- 24 8. Fire apparatus and emergency medical services vehicles, provided the amber lights are used in addition  
 25 to lights permitted under § 46.2-1023 and are so mounted or installed as to be visible from behind the vehicle;
- 26 9. Vehicles owned and used by businesses providing security services, provided the amber lights are not  
 27 lit while the vehicle is being operated on a public highway;
- 28 10. Vehicles used to collect and deliver the United States mail, provided the amber lights are lit only when  
 29 the vehicle is actually engaged in such collection or delivery;
- 30 11. Vehicles used to collect and deliver packages weighing less than 150 pounds by a national package  
 31 delivery company that delivers such packages in all 50 states, provided that the amber lights are lit only when  
 32 the vehicle is stopped and its operator is engaged in such collection and delivery;
- 33 12. Vehicles used to transport petroleum or propane products, provided the amber light is mounted on the  
 34 rear of the vehicle and is lit when parked while making a delivery of petroleum or propane products, or when  
 35 the vehicle's back-up lights are lit and its device producing an audible signal when the vehicle is operated in  
 36 reverse gear, as provided for in § 46.2-1175.1, is in operation;
- 37 13. Vehicles used by law-enforcement agency personnel in the enforcement of laws governing motor  
 38 vehicle parking;
- 39 14. Government-owned law-enforcement vehicles, provided the lights are used for the purpose of giving  
 40 directional warning to vehicular traffic to move one direction or another and are not lit while the vehicle is in  
 41 motion;
- 42 15. Chase vehicles when used to unload a hot air balloon or used to load a hot air balloon after landing,  
 43 provided the amber lights are not lit while the vehicle is in motion;
- 44 16. Vehicles used for farm, agricultural, or horticultural purposes, or any farm tractor;
- 45 17. Vehicles owned and used by construction companies operating under Virginia contractors licenses;
- 46 18. Vehicles used to lead or provide escorts for bicycle races authorized by the Department of  
 47 Transportation or the locality in which the race is being conducted;
- 48 19. Vehicles used by radio or television stations for remote broadcasts, provided that the amber lights are  
 49 not lit while the vehicle is in motion;
- 50 20. Vehicles used by municipal safety officers in the performance of their official duties. For the purpose  
 51 of this subdivision, "municipal safety officers" means municipal employees responsible for managing  
 52 municipal safety programs and ensuring municipal compliance with safety and environmental regulatory  
 53 mandates;
- 54 21. Vehicles used as pace cars, security vehicles, or firefighting vehicles by any speedway or motor  
 55 vehicle race track, provided that the amber lights are not lit while the vehicle is being operated on a public  
 56 highway;

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57 22. Vehicles used in patrol work by members of neighborhood watch groups approved by the chief law-  
58 enforcement officer of the locality in their assigned neighborhood watch program area, provided that the  
59 vehicles are clearly identified as neighborhood watch vehicles, and the amber lights are not lit while the  
60 vehicle is in motion;

61 23. Vehicles that are not tow trucks as defined in § 46.2-100, but are owned or controlled by a towing and  
62 recovery business, provided that the amber lights are lit only when the vehicle is being used at a towing and  
63 recovery site;

64 24. Vehicles used or operated by federally licensed amateur radio operators (i) while participating in  
65 emergency communications or drills on behalf of federal, state, or local authorities or (ii) while providing  
66 communications services to localities for public service events authorized by the Department of  
67 Transportation where the event is being conducted;

68 25. Publicly owned or operated transit buses;

69 26. Vehicles used for hauling trees, logs, or any other forest products when hauling such products,  
70 provided that the amber lights are mounted or installed so as to be visible from behind the vehicle;

71 27. Vehicles authorized to use amber lights pursuant to § 46.2-1025.1; and

72 28. Vehicles used by a local department of social services to respond to a request for assistance from law-  
73 enforcement agency personnel.

74 B. Except as otherwise provided in this section, such amber lights shall be lit only when performing the  
75 functions which qualify them to be equipped with such lights.

76 C. Vehicles used to lead or provide escorts for funeral processions may use either amber warning lights or  
77 purple warning lights, but amber warning lights and purple warning lights shall not simultaneously be used  
78 on the same vehicle. The Superintendent of State Police shall develop standards and specifications for purple  
79 lights authorized in this subsection.

80 D. Vehicles used by police, firefighting, or emergency medical services personnel as command centers at  
81 the scene of incidents may be equipped with and use green warning lights of a type approved by the  
82 Superintendent. Such lights shall not be activated while the vehicle is operating upon the highway.

83 *E. Vehicles displaying a permanent farm use placard pursuant to § 46.2-684.2, farm vehicles, farm*  
84 *tractors, and farm utility vehicles operating on or along a highway may be equipped with and use green*  
85 *warning lights of a type approved by the Superintendent. Such lights shall only be activated while the vehicle*  
86 *is operating on or along a highway.*