

DRAFTER'S NOTE
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Rep. Ainsworth:

Current law seems to generally authorize the use of flashing lights to provide notice to the drivers of other vehicles to take certain actions (yield, stop, don't pass, observe slow moving vehicle, etc.). Do you want to change the rules of the road so that the flashing light signals something specific?

I do not know whether federal law permits the use of a strobe light on top of milk trucks. Because your draft makes use of the light optional and because the light is not a lesser safety standard, I think it probably does not. If this is a concern to you, please let me know and I will try to determine for certain whether this bill conflicts with federal law.

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