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5 On page 1, after line 11, insert the following:

6 "Sec. 2. RCW 46.37.190 and 1987 c 330 s 710 are each amended to
7 read as follows:

8 (1) Every authorized emergency vehicle shall, in addition to any
9 other equipment and distinctive marking required by this chapter, be
10 equipped with at least one lamp capable of displaying a red light
11 visible from at least five hundred feet in normal sunlight and a siren
12 capable of giving an audible signal.

13 (2) Every school bus and private carrier bus shall, in addition to
14 any other equipment and distinctive markings required by this chapter,
15 be equipped with a "stop" signal upon a background not less than
16 fourteen by eighteen inches displaying the word "stop" in letters of
17 distinctly contrasting colors not less than eight inches high, and
18 shall further be equipped with signal lamps mounted as high and as
19 widely spaced laterally as practicable, which shall be capable of
20 displaying to the front two alternately flashing red lights located at
21 the same level and to the rear two alternately flashing red lights
22 located at the same level and these lights shall have sufficient
23 intensity to be visible at five hundred feet in normal sunlight.

24 (3) Vehicles operated by public agencies whose law enforcement
25 duties include the authority to stop and detain motor vehicles on the
26 public highways of the state may be equipped with a siren and lights of
27 a color and type designated by the state patrol for that purpose. The
28 state patrol may prohibit the use of these sirens and lights on
29 vehicles other than the vehicles described in this subsection.

30 (4) The lights described in this section shall not be mounted nor
31 used on any vehicle other than a school bus, a private carrier bus, or
32 an authorized emergency or law enforcement vehicle. Optical strobe
33 light devices shall not be installed or used on any vehicle other than
34 an emergency vehicle authorized by the state patrol ((or)), a
35 publicly((-)owned law enforcement or emergency vehicle, a department

1 of transportation, city, or county maintenance vehicle, or a public
2 transit vehicle.

3 (a) An "optical strobe light device" used by emergency vehicles
4 means a strobe light device which emits an optical signal at a specific
5 frequency to a traffic control light enabling the emergency vehicle in
6 which the strobe light device is used to obtain the right of way at
7 intersections.

8 (b) An "optical strobe light device" used by department of
9 transportation, city, or county maintenance vehicles means a strobe
10 light device that emits an optical signal at a specific frequency to a
11 traffic control light enabling the department of transportation
12 maintenance vehicle in which the strobe light device is used to perform
13 maintenance tests.

14 (c) An "optical strobe light device" used by public transit
15 vehicles means a strobe light device that emits an optical signal at a
16 specific frequency to a traffic control light enabling the public
17 transit vehicle in which the strobe light device is used to accelerate
18 the cycle of the traffic control light. For the purposes of this
19 section, "public transit vehicle" means vehicles, owned by a
20 governmental entity, with a seating capacity for twenty-five or more
21 persons and used to provide mass transportation. Public transit
22 vehicles operating an optical strobe light will have second degree
23 priority to emergency vehicles when simultaneously approaching the same
24 traffic control light.

25 (5) The use of the signal equipment described herein, except the
26 optical strobe light devices used by public transit vehicles and
27 department of transportation, city, or county maintenance vehicles that
28 are not used in conjunction with emergency equipment, shall impose upon
29 drivers of other vehicles the obligation to yield right of way and stop
30 as prescribed in RCW 46.61.210, 46.61.370, and 46.61.350.

31 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. The state patrol shall adopt rules to
32 implement RCW 46.37.190."

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4 In line 1 of the title, after "vehicles;" strike the remainder of
5 the title and insert "amending RCW 46.37.190; adding a new section to
6 chapter 46.61 RCW; and creating a new section."

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