



2020 South Dakota Legislature

House Bill 1170

Introduced by: **Representative Rounds**

1 **An Act to revise provisions regarding the use of certain lights by tow truck vehicles.**

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

3 **Section 1.** That § 32-17-10 be AMENDED:

4 **32-17-10. Tow truck or wrecker defined--Amber or blue flashers--Violation**
 5 **as misdemeanor.**

6 Unless the context otherwise requires, a "tow truck or wrecker" ~~is~~ means any motor
 7 vehicle which is specially equipped to tow, haul, or push disabled automobiles, trucks, or
 8 tractors for commercial considerations, or operated by any person, for the purpose of
 9 towing or servicing any automobiles, trucks, or tractors owned by him. Any tow truck or
 10 wrecker may be equipped with and use an amber rotary beacon light or lights or other
 11 amber flashing or blinking light or lights of the type or similar to the type of ~~such~~ lights
 12 used on emergency vehicles in this state. The amber lights may be used by a tow truck
 13 or wrecker only when actually engaging, towing, hauling, or pushing a disabled motor
 14 vehicle, or when ordered by a law enforcement officer for safety purposes to warn other
 15 motorists of the presence of the tow truck or wrecker. Any tow truck or wrecker may be
 16 equipped with and use a blue rotary beacon light or lights or other blue flashing or blinking
 17 light similar to the type of lights used on emergency vehicles in this state. The blue lights
 18 may be used by a tow truck or wrecker only when removing debris from a public road. A
 19 violation of this section is a Class 2 misdemeanor.