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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Appropriations (Burgess) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 233 and 234

insert:

Section 6. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) and subsection (3) of section 316.126, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

316.126 Operation of vehicles and actions of pedestrians; approach of authorized emergency, sanitation, or utility service vehicle, wrecker, or road and bridge maintenance or construction vehicle; presence of disabled motor vehicle.—



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11 (1) (a) Upon the immediate approach of an authorized
12 emergency vehicle, while en route to meet an existing emergency,
13 the driver of every other vehicle shall, when such emergency
14 vehicle is giving audible signals by siren, exhaust whistle, or
15 other adequate device, ~~or~~ visible signals by the use of
16 flashing, oscillating, rotating, or similarly activated
17 ~~displayed~~ blue or red lights, yield the right-of-way to the
18 emergency vehicle and shall immediately proceed to a position
19 parallel to, and as close as reasonable to the closest edge of
20 the curb of the roadway, clear of any intersection and shall
21 stop and remain in position until the authorized emergency
22 vehicle has passed, unless otherwise directed by a law
23 enforcement officer. The use of cruise lights by an authorized
24 emergency vehicle is not a visible signal that requires a driver
25 to yield the right-of-way. For purposes of this paragraph, the
26 term "cruise lights" means low intensity, continuously
27 illuminated blue or red lights displayed on an authorized
28 emergency vehicle which remain on while the vehicle is in
29 service but not actively engaged in an emergency response.

30 (3) An authorized emergency vehicle, when en route to meet
31 an existing emergency, shall warn all other vehicular traffic
32 along the emergency route by an audible signal, siren, exhaust
33 whistle, or other adequate device or by a visible signal by the
34 use of flashing, oscillating, rotating, or similarly activated
35 ~~displayed~~ blue or red lights. While en route to such emergency,
36 the emergency vehicle shall otherwise proceed in a manner
37 consistent with the laws regulating vehicular traffic upon the
38 highways of this state.

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40 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

41 And the title is amended as follows:

42 Between lines 23 and 24

43 insert:

44 316.126, F.S.; revising the visible signals given by
45 an approaching emergency vehicle upon which a driver
46 must yield the right-of-way; providing that the use of
47 cruise lights is not such a visible signal; defining
48 the term "cruise lights"; revising the means by which
49 an emergency vehicle may signal that such vehicle is
50 en route to an emergency; amending s.