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ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION NO. 76- 105

Colonel Allen Rush
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State Office Building
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Re: Motor Vehicle--Equipment--Turn Signals

Synopsis: Clearance lights and turn signals may be combined upon those vehicles described in K.S.A. 8-1709.

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Dear Colonel Rush:

You have requested an opinion from this office whether Kansas law permits clearance lights and signals to be combined on those vehicles described in K.S.A. 8-1709. You further state that federal regulations do permit the above combination; however, Kansas Statute 8-1710 would seem to indicate that clearance lights and side markers are in addition to other lights required.

The relevant statute K.S.A. 8-1721(b) provides in pertinent part:

"Any vehicle may be equipped and when required under this act shall be equipped with electric turn signals which shall indicate an intention to turn by flashing lights showing to the front and rear of a vehicle or on a combination
of vehicles on the side of the vehicle or combination toward which the turn is to be made."

This subsection further provides:

"Turn signals may, but need not be, incorporated in other lamps on the vehicle."

In conclusion, it is our opinion that clearance lights and turn signals may be combined upon those vehicles described in K.S.A. 8-1709.

Sincerely yours,

CURT T. SCHNEIDER
Attorney General

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