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Opinion No. 74-209

Mr. John C. Kasberger
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RE: Emergency vehicle equipment

Dear Mr. Kasberger:

You request our opinion relating to the positioning of emergency signal lamps on two emergency vehicles (fire trucks). You have supplied photographs of the vehicles and inquire if the lamps are properly located pursuant to Senate Bill 587 L 74 effective July 1, 1974.

Section 8-1720 provides:

"Every authorized emergency vehicle, in addition to any other equipment required by this act, shall be equipped with signal lamps, mounted as high and as widely spaced laterally as practicable, which shall be capable of displaying to the front two (2) alternately flashing red lights located at the same level and to the rear two (2) alternately flashing red lights located at the same level, and these lights shall have sufficient intensity to be visible at five hundred (500) feet in normal sunlight."

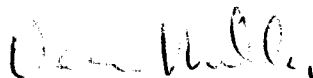
Based upon our examination of the photographs in light of the foregoing, it is our opinion that the alternately flashing red lights should be repositioned on the top of the cabs of engines no. 68 and no. 20. The rear alternately flashing red

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lights on engine no. 68 should be elevated and located in a position similar to those on the rear of engine no. 20. These changes will satisfy the new law that such lights shall be "mounted as high and as widely spaced laterally as practicable."

We are hopeful that the foregoing will be of assistance.

Very truly yours,



VERN MILLER
Attorney General

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