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## Bill Summary

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### Section

**1** **Override device** . Prohibits any person from operating a vehicle that contains a device that overrides traffic signals, except:

- police vehicle
- fire department vehicle
- ambulance
- regular-route transit vehicle
- signal maintenance vehicle
- other vehicle authorized by Department of Public Safety order

Prohibits any person from possessing a traffic signal override device except:

- operator of police or fire vehicle or ambulance
- person performing signal maintenance
- person authorized by Department of Public Safety order, to the extent authorized in the order

Makes violation a misdemeanor.

- 2**        **Sirens and lights of emergency vehicles.** Makes an exception to the law that requires a motorist to yield the right-of-way to an emergency vehicle that both displays a red light and sounds a siren, to provide that a law enforcement vehicle must display a red light or sound a siren but need not do both. Effective August 1, 2004, applicable to violations committed on and after that date.